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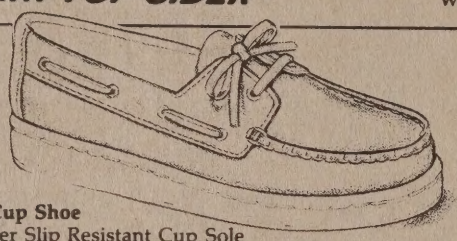

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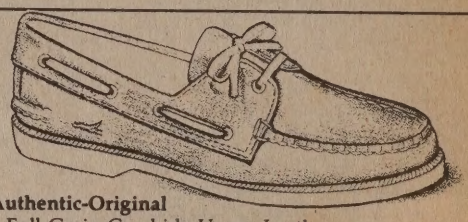

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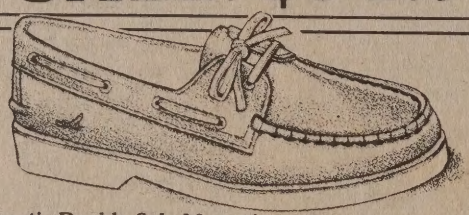

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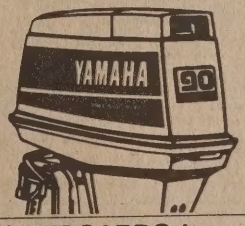

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The contest will begin at 6AM on Saturday (11/14) and continue through the night until Noon on Sunday (11/15). Contest weighmasters will be monitoring CB channel 16 and official scales will be accessible throughout the event.

The derby will conclude with an awards presentation and lunch (6 foot heroes) at Smith Point at Noon, Sunday. Prizes will be awarded for the 3 largest bass, blues and weaks. Among the prizes will be reels from Penn and Abu Garcia and surf bags from All Tackle Distributors of Deer Park.

HUDSON RIVER STRIPED BASS TAG RECOVERY PROGRAM UPDATE

As part of an ongoing study to learn more about Hudson River striped bass movements and population dynamics, approximately 10,000 striped bass measuring less than 200mm total length were tagged and released in the lower Hudson River region last winter. Since 1984, almost 30,000 stripers have been tagged in this program. Each fish was tagged in its abdominal region with an internal anchor tag. Fishermen who catch a striped bass with the yellow HRF (Hudson River Foundation) tag, whether they intend to keep the fish or not, should cut the tag off as close as possible to the fish's body. The tag should then be sent to the address printed on the tag: HRF, Box 1731, GCS, NY, NY 10163. A reward check for the minimum reward printed on the tag and a questionnaire will then be sent to the angler. Upon return of the questionnaire, the fisherman will be entered into a drawing for nine rewards ranging to $1000. A certificate of participation in the angler's name stating when and where the fish was originally tagged and later recaptured will also be issued.

Greater than 700 tags were recovered by anglers in last year's program. This year, HRF has already received over 500 tags. Striped bass from the Hudson were recaptured in seven states and one Canadian province. The farthest a striped bass travelled was from Nyack, NY in the Hudson River to the upper reaches of the Bay of Fundy, Nova Scotia. Other notable returns included another from Nova Scotia, nine from Maine, one from Delaware Bay and two from Chesapeake Bay. Numerous striped bass were recaptured in New York, Massachusetts, both north and south of Cape Cod, Rhode Island and Connecticut. These returns are providing new information on seasonal movements, wintering locations and the relationship of fish size to distance traveled. A report on the 1986 program is now being finalized and an article summarizing its contents will again be published in the Fishermen series.

Striped bass fishermen should also be aware of two other tagging programs. The US Fish and Wildlife Service is coordinating a study in which striped bass are being tagged in Virginia, Maryland, Rhode Island and eastern Long Island. These fish also bear an internal anchor tag implanted in the belly, but the tag is bright orange instead of yellow as in the HRF study. Volunteer anglers continue to tag striped bass with spaghetti tags obtained from the American Littoral Society at Sandy Hook, NJ. These yellow tags are normally inserted below the dorsal fin.

We thank the many anglers who have already participated in this program by returning HRF tags. It is important for the success of this study that fishermen continue to check their fish for tags, particularly at night when they may be difficult to see. If you have any questions concerning this program. please contact Dr. John Waldman at (212) 949-0028.

JOHNSON REELECTED CO-CHAIRMAN OF ASMFC

Senator Owen H. Johnson (4th S.D., Babylon) was reelected Co-Chairman of the Legislative Commissioners to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) at the Commission's 46th annual meeting held October 19-22, 1987, in Key West, Florida. Albert Goetze, Governor's Appointee Commissioner from Maryland, is the Co-Chairman with Senator Johnson.

Senator Johnson has been an ASMFC Commissioner since 1980. ASMFC is a cooperative interstate program that brings together administrators, legislators, governor's appointees and scientists for the purpose of developing fisheries management plans to preserve marine resources from Florida to Maine. ASMFC has established Interstate Fisheries Management Plans for the following species: striped bass, American shad and river herrings, northern shrimp, Atlantic menhaden, northern lobster, scianids (including weakfish, spotted sea trout and red drum), summer flounder and bluefish.

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sions, based on new scientific data that has been collected by each of the Atlantic coast states. The plans will be updated and press releases will be prepared to inform East Coast fishermen about plan improvements.

This year ASMFC passed a number of resolutions concerning our marine resources, the most important of which calls on the federal government and the Governors of each state to end all ocean dumping. The resolution calls for the development of a timetable to phase out all current ocean disposal and to increase enforcement efforts to stop illegal dumping. Another resolution was passed concerning ASMFC's adamant opposition to the establishment of a saltwater fishing license by the federal government. This resolution emphasizes that the states have the exclusive right to manage marine resources in their waters. Lastly, the Commission will develop an exchange program for legislative initiatives developed in each state concerning marine resources.

"The need for interstate cooperation in fisheries management is extremely important since fishing effort in one state will directly affect the fisheries in another state. ASMFC is the mechanism by which the states can ensure preservation of marine resources for future generations to enjoy," Senator Johnson said.

For more information, contact Senator Johnson's District Office at 23-24 Argyle Square, Babylon, NY 11702; (516) 669-9200.

PENN YAN'S BACK!

Reaction to Penn Yan Marine's unveiling of the 1988 Penn Yan line has ranged from stunned admiration to outright unbridled glee.

Penn Yan Marine Manufacturing Corporation introduced the 1988 Penn Yans at the First Annual In-Water Boat Show and Dealer Meeting in August. That triumph was closely followed by the September International Marine Trades Exhibit and Convention in Chicago.

The 11-boat line of 16 through 28 foot models received wild acclaim and accolades unprecedented for the usually sedate marine industry. Crowds surged to peek at the newly designed 232 and 235 Avenger series available in open, hardtop and flybridge models. The 23 footer with a 9½ foot beam joins another new model with a 9½ foot beam, the 257 Aggressor. The 25 foot walkaround has a huge cabin with aft berths, galley and head plus a bonus of fishing and cruising amenities.

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MARINE SCIENTISTS DISCOVER UNUSUAL CONDITIONS IN CHESAPEAKE AND DELAWARE BAYS

Record high levels of sulfide in Chesapeake Bay waters and an abnormally large "cold pool" off the Delaware shore were discovered earlier this month by marine scientists from the University of Delaware College of Marine Studies (CMS) in Newark and Lewes and Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va.

During a two-week cruise aboard Delaware's research vessel **Cape Henlopen**, the scientists found "unprecedented" sulfide levels in the Chesapeake from Annapolis, Md., to the Potomac River, according to Dr. Thomas M. Church, professor of oceanography with Delaware CMS.

The amount of sulfide has increased ten-fold over what it was last summer, he says, from approximately 30 parts per million to 300 parts per million. This is the third year Delaware oceanographers have sampled the chemistry of low oxygen areas in the bay.

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decompose in an oxygen-depleted environment. The microorganisms on the bay bottom are forced to use sulfate rather than oxygen in the decomposition process, resulting in the emission of sulfide.

The lack of oxygen, Church explains, is the indirect result of pollution.

"The general impression is that the sulfide problem will get worse and worse as more people use the bay. There are too many pollutant nutrients and organic matter, causing this loss of oxygen in the bottom waters," says Church.

What effect these unusual sulfide levels will have on bay life is yet to be seen, Church says. As cooler autumn weather approaches, the bay waters will "overturn'—the sulfide-rich bottom waters will rise to surface levels.

If the overturn is gradual through the summer, then ill effects should be negligible, Church says. But a quick and sharp overturn could spell problems for surface dwelling marine life.

"Unfortunately, prevention of an eventual overturn isn't possible. But our knowledge of the nature and extent of the sulfide problem is a step in the right direction," Church stated.

Just three years ago, scientists did not possess the techniques to adequately measure sulfide levels. But development of more sophisticated instruments and procedures by researchers at Delaware and Old Dominion may open the door to anticipating potential environmental problems.

The research cruise earlier this month also took scientists off the Delaware shore, where a massive cold pool was discovered and studied.

Cold pools are concentrations of frigid winter water that travel down from the Gulf of Maine or the Labrador Sea. The pool recently studied by Delaware oceanographers was located off the Delaware Coast in the Atlantic Ocean at the edge of the Continental Shelf and was "several times larger than what we have seen in the past," Church says.

The pool probably caused much of the abundant fog in Delaware coastal areas this summer, as well as sightings of dolphin and large schools of bluefish in the surf zone. Cold pools are synonymous with fish concentrations because the pools are rich in nutrients.

A third research effort on the cruise was a Gulf Stream study on how pollutants in coastal waters travel to the open ocean.

Dr. George W. Luther III, CMS associate dean; Dr. Robert B. Biggs, CMS associate professor of oceanogralphy; and Dr. Charles H. Culberson, CMS research scientist, also participated in the research efforts, along with two CMS graduate students and several undergraduate students from across the country participating in an intern program at the college this summer.

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Product Review

Windless Tip-Up

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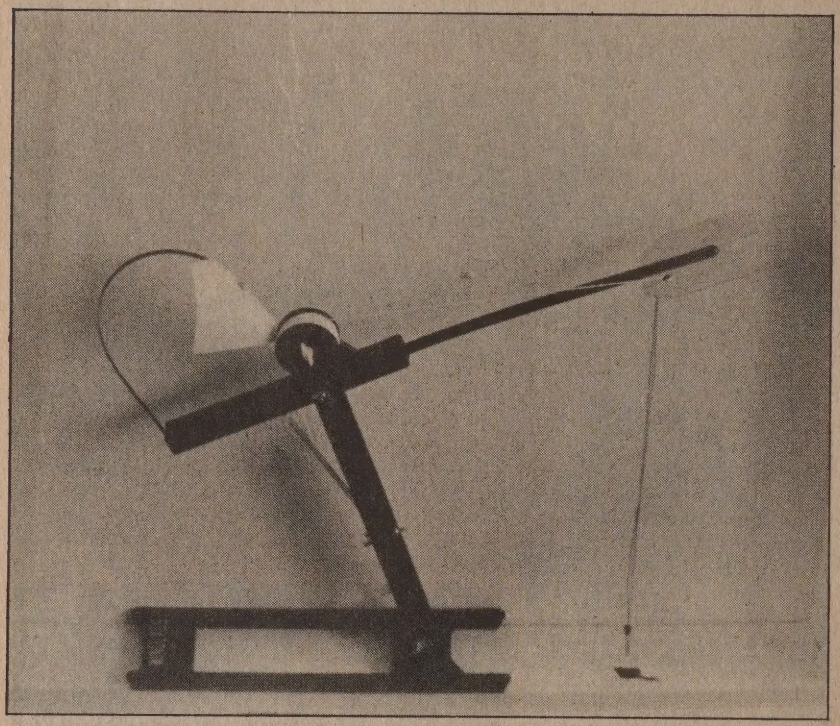

The Windlass Tip-Up is made of black, high impact A.B.S. material for endurance in sub-freezing temperatures. Its light weight (only 13½ ounces) makes it easy to carry and transport.

The base is fashioned so it can be used as a line wrapping board. This is a great feature especially when fishing in deep water. When leaving the lake, the line can be wrapped around the base and later placed back on the spool when you arrive indoors.

Its V-shape bottom on the base prevents the Tip-Up from sticking in the ice. It's an "easy lift" feature which is appreciated in the cold.

The "locking" feature on the block of the base properly positions the body of the Tip-Up when in a set-up position. You must loosen the wing nut before setting up or folding the unit down.

On the body is an adjustment bracket which allows you to adjust the various "wind catching" angles of the rocker arm. Be sure to loosen the adjustment bracket before putting the unit away. This prevents over-stretching of the adjustment spring and ensures longer performance of the unit.

At the top of the Tip-Up body is a wing nut that must loosened to "free" the rocker arm while fishing, and must be tightened to "lock" the rocker arm for storage.

The wing nut on the spool is used for two purposes: at the time of storage, the hook is hooked in the hole of the wind fan and the spool is tightened to keep the line from coming off the spool; under certain fishing conditions, such as fishing for trout or perch, the spool can be tightened and when the fish strikes it will automatically hook itself. The spool is used in a free condition when fishing for all other species. The spool also has holes on the side to place the hook if so desired. Each unit contains either a 200 or a 500 foot spool.

The flag on the Tip-Up is made of steel and is 14 inches long and is securely fastened in a groove on the rocker arm to prevent turning. For greater visibility, the flag is made of a fluorescent orange cloth coated with plastic for long lasting endurance.

The Wind Fan which is fastened on the dowel of the rocker arm is molded securely within the dowel, thereby preventing the fan from turning in the dowel. The fan is made of coated steel to prevent rusting.

Both extending ends of the wind fan can also be bent to "catch the wind" if so desired. The wind fan also contains the smooth grommet hole for the line to pass through from the spool to the hole in the ice.

To use the the Windlass Tip-Up, first loosen all wing nuts on the base, body and rocker arm. Move the body of the tip-up into a locked position of the base and tighten the wing nut. Never move the body on the base without first loosening the wing nut.

Position the tip-up on the ice by aligning the hole in the wind fan with the center of the hole in the ice. Pile snow and ice on the plate of the base to secure tip-up on the ice to prevent the tip-up from blowing over. The higher the snow you pile on the base, the better.

Wrap the line on the spool in such a way that the line, when pulled off the spool comes off the top of the spool and not the bottom.

Loosen the wing nut which tightens the adjustment bracket on the back of the tip-up body. Move the adjustment bracket up or down, depending on what angle you want the rocker arm. Run the line from the spool through the hole in the wind fan and into the water.

Be sure the wing nut on the side of the spool is backed off of the spool completely and tightened to allow the spool to move freely.

To start fishing, use a lead weight to check the depth of the water. Put a small 1/2 inch plastic bobber on the line at the water level when the weight is on the bottom. Move the bobber and line above the water level,thus giving you the desired distance off the bottom for fishing.

Place flag behind the spool against the line to keep the line from spooling out. To ensure proper tension setting, you must bend the flag *forward* for greater tension and *backward* for lesser tension. The bend should be placed above the flag to provide for better gripping ability. The amount of drag depends on the size of bait or lure you are using at the time. When the flag is against the line on the spool, the flag is tripped indicating a fish is on the line.

It is recommended that black braided line or squidding line be used on the spool to improve performance while fishing under extremely cold conditions.

The Windlass Tip-Up produces an effect which is not found on other standard tip-ups. When the tip-up is rigged with live bait, the natural jigging action keeps the minnow active rather than to lie dormant for long periods of time. The natural jigging action is also desirable when using artificial lures and "Swedish" hooks baited with smelt for pike fishing. The jigging action is also super when fishing for perch and other kinds of pan fish.

All in all, this is quite a unique device for the ice fisherman. If you do a lot of ice fishing, it's something you might want to keep in mind. The company also makes two other styles of tilts for ice fishing which are also said to be "freeze proof."

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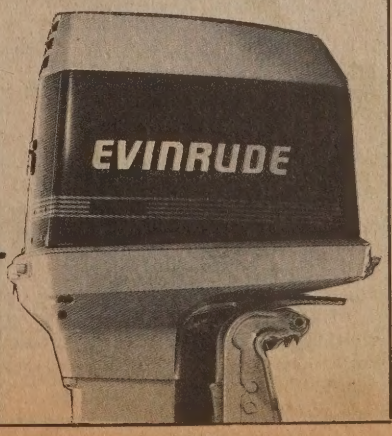

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The Tackle Doctor

by Ken Freel

Dear Doc,

Although my question is more "fishing related" than "tackle related," I am hoping you can provide some information that I and hopefully, many others will find interesting. Being an avid crabber for more than 20 years I have caught many impressive blue claws. In fact, I have been fortunate enough to catch several crabs over the 8 inch mark. However, on a trip in the bay this past season I boated what amounted to the largest blue claw crab that I've ever seen. After careful measurement the crab went 8¾ inches from point to point! I believe that it must be close since blue crabs of over 8 inches, and especially 8½ inches are relatively scarce.

Do you know the size of the largest blue crab ever caught? Any information in regard to this matter would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your time. Incidentally, I greatly enjoy your column! *Tom Whitaker.*

Dear Tom,

I've contacted the State Department for the area you do your crabbing and found that no records are kept as to maximum size of crabs. From talking with experienced crabbers, though, and by coming across some good size blue crabs myself, I know that any blue crab of 8 inches or more is big. Literature on blue claw crabs indicates that the maximum size for this type of crab is 8 inches from point to point. Therefore, the 8¾ inch crab that you caught has got to be right up there with the biggest size for this type of crab. Wouldn't it be great if all of these delicious crustaceans were so big?

Biologically speaking, the blue crab, ***Callinectes sapidus,*** *is the common crab of the Atlantic. It is found from Cape Cod down to Florida and also in the Gulf of Mexico. Some crabs have even been found up as far as Nova Scotia. The blue claw is also prevalent in Europe off of the waters of France and Denmark.*

Here in the northeast spawning generally occurs from May through October. Crabs move inshore during the summer months where they spawn and feed in the brackish and muddy waters of the bays and estuaries. Blue crabs move downstream and back out into deeper waters to avoid the extreme cold of winter. In the deeper water they are not very active and are actually in a state of semi-hibernation.

Blue claws will eat just about anything that comes their way that does not eat them first. Their main natural enemy is the cobia which regularly feeds on these crabs. Blue crabs can live up to 4 years, but most do not make it past the first year. The crab you caught was undoubtedly one of the few that enjoyed a long life.

The blue crab is one of the most important food crustaceans sold commercially in the United States, only the lobster and shrimp rank higher as a food item. It is sold fresh, frozen and canned and is used for cocktails, to spice up salads and in soups. The hunger pangs are starting!

Dear Doc,

I am new to the saltwater fishing scene. I would like to know what kind of rod I should buy to complement my Penn 850 SS skirted spool spinning reel. Is the 850 SS a good reel to use for bluefish? Most of the time I go fishing for blues. Thank you,
Michael K. Murphy.

Dear Mike,

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Dear Doc,

A friend of mine says he uses the Palomar knot instead of a Clinch knot to tie his hooks onto the line. I've heard of this kind of knot but cannot find out how to properly tie it. Could you please help me out here? Is there any advantage to using a Palomar knot over the Clinch? *Kevin Rassmussen.*

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Dear Kevin,

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To tie a Palomar knot you first double over the end piece of line. Take about 6 inches and double it up. The next step is to pass the loop that is formed through the eye of the hook. Then double the loop back and make an overhand knot through the standing doubled line, leaving a loop big enough to fit the hook through. Put the entire hook through the end loop and then pull the standing line tight.

Illustrations always help along with words, so be sure to give these drawings a good look over. The Palomar knot is a good, strong knot, and one that many veteran fishermen use on a daily basis. Thanks for the question.

Dear Doc,

The Federal regulations you refer to in your response to a letter from Rich Silkowski in the September 10th issue of The Fisherman must be those which are in place for the stone crab, *Mennippe mercenaria*, which has massive claws and is the basis of an intensive commercial fishery in the south. Since the range of the stone crab is from Cape Lookout, North Carolina, southward and throughout the Gulf of Mexico, it is unlikely the red or rock crabs caught by Rich are this species.

It is a good bet the crabs caught by Rich are *Cancer irroratus*, one of the two species of northern edible crabs common in coastal waters of New England and parts of the Mid-Atlantic area. The two species are similar in appearance and commonly are called rock crabs, although only the Jonah crab, *Cancer borealis*, seems to prefer cold, rocky habitat. *Cancer irroratus* (sometimes called the sand crab), on the other hand, is more frequently found on mud or sand and is tolerant of lower salinities, which leads me to suspect this species as the one Rich caught while fluke fishing.

There are presently no Federal regulations on the taking of crabs that are likely to be caught by recreational fishermen in the coastal waters of the New England and Mid-Atlantic area. Most states in the area have regulations regarding the taking of the distinctive and well known blue crab, *Callinectes sapidus.* Few fishermen are aware that some states, particularly in the New England area, have regulations on taking of "rock crabs." Although the regulations usually are directed to the commercial fishery, recreational fishermen should check with local authorities before setting out to catch a mess of these critters for the dinner table.

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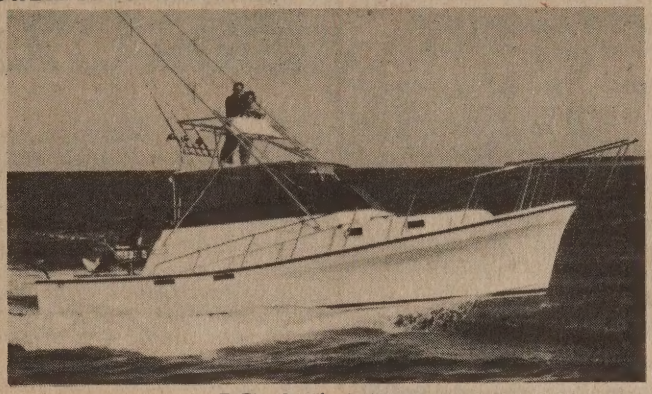

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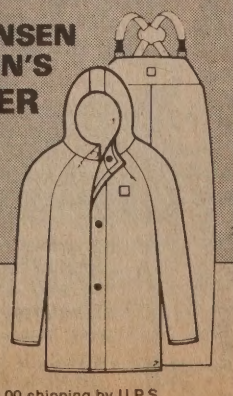

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Dock Lines

by Eric Burnley

Dear Eric,

I have been reading Russ Wilson's article on how to take Sandy Hook stripers and weaks. He says the best time to fish is at night. This presents a problem for me. I am afraid of getting lost, or hitting objects like the bunker nets or some floating debris.

I have a 14 foot boat that has a closed bow, a windshield, and a 40 hp outboard. The boat is very reliable . The only lights that are on board are the red and green light on the bow and a small white light in the stern. Is this enough light to be safe, or do I need more? *Carmen Bufardeci.*

Dear Carmen,

I spoke with Mr. Wilson and he assures me the standard navigational lights already on your boat are adequate for fishing at night in the Sandy Hook area. He does recommend carrying a portable, hand-held spotlight that plugs into a cigarette lighter outlet on your boat. This light would be used to identify floating objects in the water or to light the inside of the boat in case of an emergency.

Fishing at night in a small boat will have some inherent dangers that you must be aware of and take precautions to protect yourself against.

Even with the proper navigational lights your boat will be difficult to spot especially against a lighted shoreline. You must keep an eye out for other boats and assume they do not see you until you have made contact either on the radio or via light signals to establish your position.

The ever present danger of floating debris as you mentioned is something you must always be on the lookout for. You will find your night vision works better the longer you are out and you will see much more than you anticipated. Of course, it is the one you don't see that does you in. Run slowly to minimize damage should you hit something. If you can plan your departure before dark you will have good light to the fishing grounds and your eyes will have an easier time adjusting to the darkness.

Once your eyes have adjusted to nighttime conditions you should avoid bright lights. After you look into a spotlight or even a flashlight it will take some time for your eyes to re-adjust to the darkness. Try putting a piece of red cellophane or plastic over the end of your flashlight. This will allow the light to illuminate your work area, but your eyes will still be adjusted for night vision.

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Weakfish and bass definitely do feed at night so fishing after the sun sets can pay big dividends. But you must be careful, wear your PFD at all times and keep a sharp lookout for other boats as well as floating debris.

Dear Eric,

I saw an ad for a 19 foot Fiberform, with a 170 horsepower Volvo I/O, a new canopy, depthfinder, trailer, spare engine and a rebuilt head. Would this craft be suitable for inshore bottom fishing and trolling for blues? *Glenn LaBove.*

Dear Glenn,

The boat you describe should be more than adequate for the type of fishing you wish to pursue. As with any used boat you should examine the hull, engine, wiring, trailer and all accessories very carefully. If you don't feel confident doing this yourself, you can hire a marine surveyor or take someone with you who has considerable knowledge of boats in general or that model in particular.

Dear Eric,

Help please. I am looking for an ocean fishing boat 25 to 26 feet long with a 9 foot beam, deep vee hull and a cabin with a single 200 hp diesel inboard without the big motor box in the rear. I want the diesel below deck, with a weight of 5000 pounds so it can be trailered. Eric, is there such an animal. I have looked all over without any luck. *Bill Bennett.*

Dear Bill,

Finding a 25 to 26 foot oceangoing fishing boat is not too difficult, but when you want the diesel engine installed below deck, you are looking for a boat that I don't think you will find. The 5,000 pound weight won't pose as big a problem for towing as the 9 foot beam. Many states have an 8 foot width limit for towed vehicles unless you get a special permit.

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Dear Eric,

When I have enough money I would like to buy a boat. But do boat engines pollute the water? If so, could you tell me which type of boats are pollution free. *Michael Fox.*

Dear Michael,

Any internal combustion engine will emit gases that are, to some extent, pollutants. Outboards are normally two cycle engines that mix gas with a lubricating oil and this mixture is burned in the cylinders. If the motor is not adjusted properly, an excess of oil can be mixed with the gas and not all of it will burn. The unburned oil is sent into the water with the exhaust gases. This oil could cause problems in the water, but if you keep your motor in tune and the oil to gas ratio adjusted properly, the amount of pollution will be minimal.

The recent introduction of oil injection into many outboard motors should reduce the pollution problems. This oil injection process thins the mixture when running at slow speeds to reduce the amount of unburned oil in the exhaust.

You may find some small ponds or lakes where the use of a gas powered outboard is prohibited. While occasional use of an outboard would not adversely affect these waters, constant use by many fishermen would cause a problem. These are closed water impoundments with minimal inflow and outflow to dissipate pollutants which include emissions from outboard motors.

Sailboats, when they aren't using the auxiliary engines, and boats powered by electric motors are relatively pollution free. There are a few inboard boats that have a dry exhaust system but their noise level is much too high for my ears.

At times, it seems all of man's activities produce pollution. Compared to the problems of acid rain, ocean dumping and thermal pollution the damage done by boat motors is almost insignificant.

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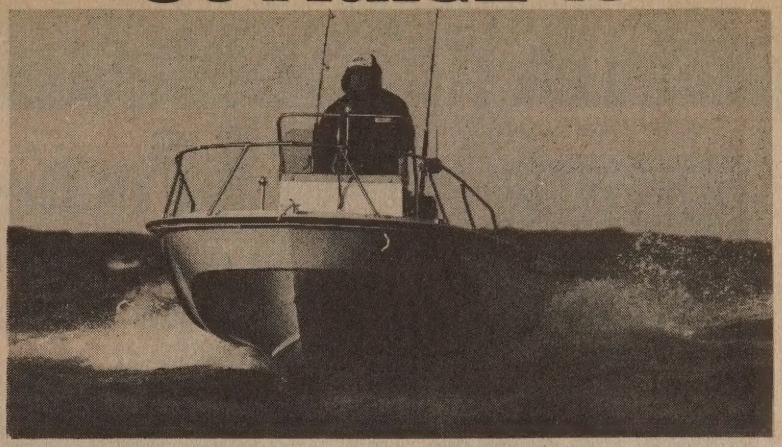

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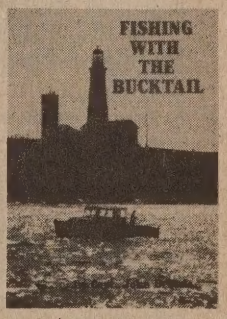

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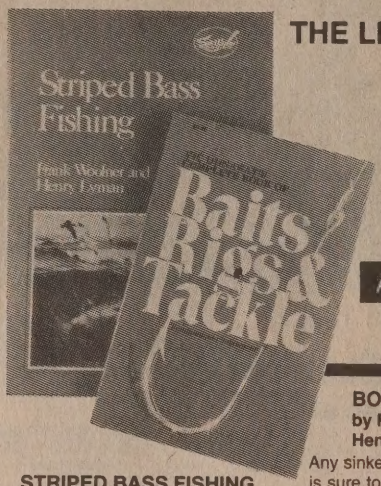

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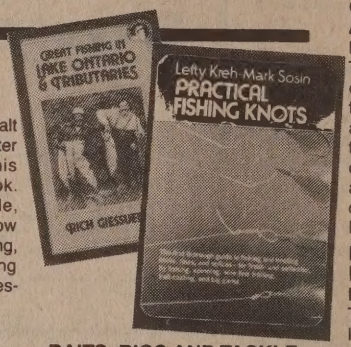

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Growing Concern

Plastics at Sea

By Natural Resources Consultants

Some of the problems caused by plastic trash are well known to recreational boaters and anglers. Few things can sour an outing quicker thn finding what was expected to be a pristine beach or bay cluttered with plastic debris such as bottles, jugs, buckets, chunks of foamboard, styrofoam cups or six-pack yokes. And as those who have been on a boat whose propeller was fouled or cooling water intake was plugged by sheeting or bags can verify, plastics are sometimes a direct hazard to boaters.

Not so well known, but of even greater environmental concern is the growing evidence that plastics are a life threat to many marine animals and sea birds. There are increasing reports of dead birds entangled in six pack yokes and snarls of monofilament fish line. The greatest threat to seals and sea lions appears to be from becoming entangled in "choke collars" of synthetic fish netting, rope and plastic strapping bands.

Although less apparent, it is possible that the ingestion of plastics may cause even more harm to marine life than entanglement. Of the 280 worldwide species of sea birds, 50 are now known to swallow plastics. In Alaska the proportion is substantially higher: 15 of 37 species. The stomachs of juvenile flounder from some waters off the U.S. Atlantic Coast have been found to be full of tiny plastic pellets. There are even a few reports of fish swallowing plastic cups. Sea turtles swallow a variety of synthetic drift items, including plastic bags, pieces of styrofoam and monofilament fish line. The ingestion of plastics can result in reduced feeding, lowered breeding activity and sometimes death.

A distinctive feature of plastics is their persistency and growing use by man. The "life" of some plastics is reckoned in decades. World production of plastics has skyrocketed, increasing more than eight-fold in the United States since 1960. This combination of increased availability and slow degradation is why plastics have become the most common man-made objects sighted at sea where they now typically comprise from one-half to

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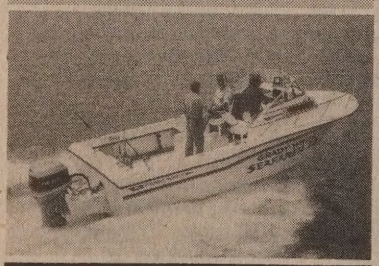

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two-thirds or more of all surface objects seen. And what can be seen at the surface is but a fraction of what is present in the marine environment. Many plastics break up into smaller and smaller pieces until they are no longer visible to the naked eye. Other plastics sink to the sea floor or become suspended at mid-depths where their environmental impacts go unnoticed.

Some of the plastics in the marine environment are carried to sea by river and municipal drainage systems and some is the litter left behind by beach-goers. But the largest single source is from vessels. Although some is lost from vessels by accident, most is dumped at sea. It is painfully apparent that too many people still view the oceans as an unlimited receptacle for their trash.

Among all ocean users, recreational boaters, anglers and commercial fishermen stand to benefit most from a clean and productive marine environment. The following comment recently made by Captain R. Barry Fisher, an Oregon commercial fisherman involved with educating other fishermen about the severe environmental impacts of dumping plastics, is indicative of an enlightened attitude towards the problem and offers hope for the future:

"Our image that the ocean is vast and endless has caused us trouble. It's a matter of education and awareness. It'll take time, but attitudes and habits are changing. Perhaps I can quote and add to Oscar Wilde's poem: 'Each man kills what he loves best/Some with a pen'...and some with plastic trash. The fishermen are concerned about the problem and are acting to make changes.

For those boaters and anglers who feel as Captain Fisher does, here are some suggested ways to combat plastic pollution:

- Take the minimum amount of non-degradable containers and other products aboard vessels and to beaches.
- Use bulk containers for drinks and other products to better control and manage their disposal.
- Avoid the use of styrofoam cups on boats because of the high risk of their being blow overboard.
- Retain used plastic products, bait bags and unusable fishing gear for disposal ashore.
- Encourage anti-litter efforts, including the placement and use of trash cans on beaches and at marinas. Where possible on boats, use a specially labeled container for the deposit of plastics.
- Support volunteer litter clean ups of beaches.

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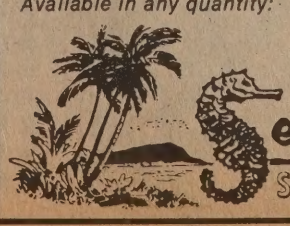

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5th Annual Bluefish Surf Derby

Best Yet

By William A. Muller

Each year Nature throws us a slightly different curve for this surf event, and this year was no exception. You'll recall last year the fishing during the week that preceded the contest was "hot," and then the weather turned calm and the bottom fell out of the fishing. This year the fishing was poor during the week before the contest, and picked up on the weekend.

However, there still was the curve ball. This year, the fish were there to be caught, but were often finicky and closed mouthed. Fishermen who worked at it caught big bluefish, while the casual approach was less rewarding. Yet there were well over 100 fish entered and the blues were caught night and day, both Saturday and Sunday. The fish also were caught at widespread locations.

I was pleased to see that interest remained high. Nine hundred and twenty-five people entered this year, which is a dozen or so more than last year. I visited the beaches on both Saturday and Sunday, and I was pleased to hear a lot of good-natured kidding and teasing. I was also pleased to note a real party atmosphere in many places and that made for a lot of fun even when the fish took a five or six hour holiday.

Likewise, the awards ceremony was a very pleasant event. In all probability, this is my last year as Director of the Sport Fishing Fund, and thus yesterday I officated at my last awards ceremony. It sure was a nice way to go out. Everyone at the ceremony was very much involved in the announcement and distribution of prizes and no one got out of line. We all just had a real good time.

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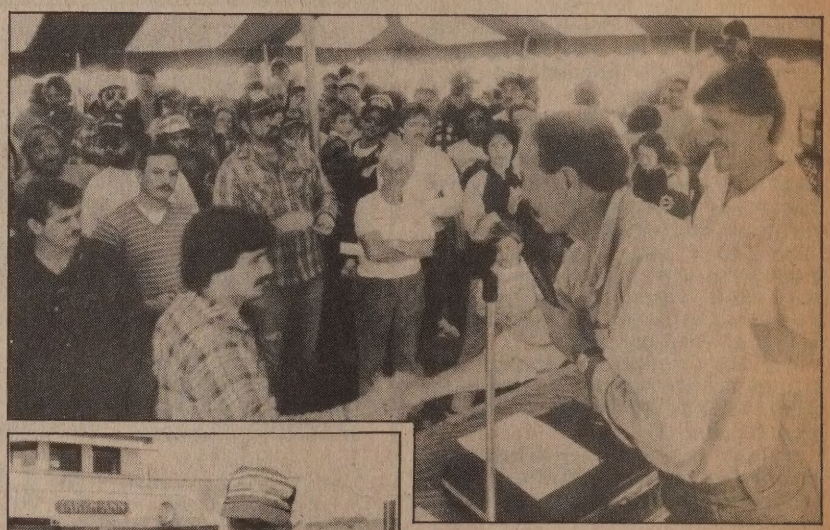

Top:The awards cermony attracted a big crowd. Right: Lucky anglers at weigh station. Dick Mermom Photo

WINNERS

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7. Jeff Hopkins	13 lb.	7 oz.
8. Michael DeTemple	13 lb.	6 oz.
9. Scott Schleyer	13 lb.	5 oz.
10. Mitchell Sarro	13 lb.	4 oz.

Tackle, Shakespeare Tackle, Penn Reels, Captain Nappi Fishing Rigs and Natural Light Beer, there were plenty of refreshments and lots of prizes. Thanks also to Northville Industries and All Tackle Distributors for providing many raffle prizes. There were so many raffle prizes that anyone attending the awards ceremony had about a two out of three chance of winning. Special thanks to Quincy and Jeanne for helping us out with the raffle.

I want to thank John Sheridan, Regional Director of the Long Island State Parks and Recreation Commission and Mike Asheroff, the deputy Regional Director for all their cooperation and help, not only for this event, but throughout the course of the last five years when I have been spearheading these charity fishing tournaments. For those of you who don't know these men personally, they are eager to provide recreational services to the people of Long Island because they are as dedicated to the concept of access in the parks as were those who pioneered the creation and development of the State Parks on Long Island. Gentlemen, Robert Moses would be pleased. It has been a pleasure to work with you.

Also, thanks to Neil Ackerson and Howard Lefhelm at Robert Moses and Captree for their invaluable help. Thanks to Eileen Turko and Ann-Marie for their efforts at the awards ceremony and also coordinating the registration of our fisherpeople.

All the participants should offer themselves a big round of applause because of their dedication to this worthwhile endeavor. To all surf fishermen, I make this observation. This event had done more to protect surf fishing on Long Island and further our causes than almost any other single activity I can think of. In fact, the entire schedule of fishing tournaments has done so much to promote recreational marine angling. Do you realize that with well over 3000 participants this year that these fishing events are the second most popular amateur sporting events on Long Island! This huge show of interest in strength indicates how involved and committed we are to our beloved sport. It is vital that we continue to support these fishing events and make a statement to government that we are not just a group of loners, but a genuine force in local and regional politics.

To all the participants, congratulations!! To those who won prizes, my best wishes and to those who didn't there's always next year, but watch out 'cause I'll be competing with you next year. Seriously, good fishing and I hope to see you on the beaches.

A special thanks is reserved for the last word. Thanks so much to Noel, Bob and your crew at Captree and Jones Beach Fishing Stations. Your sincere commitment and hard work have been a principal reason for the success of these events. Keep up the good work!

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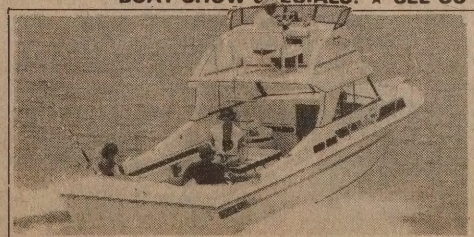

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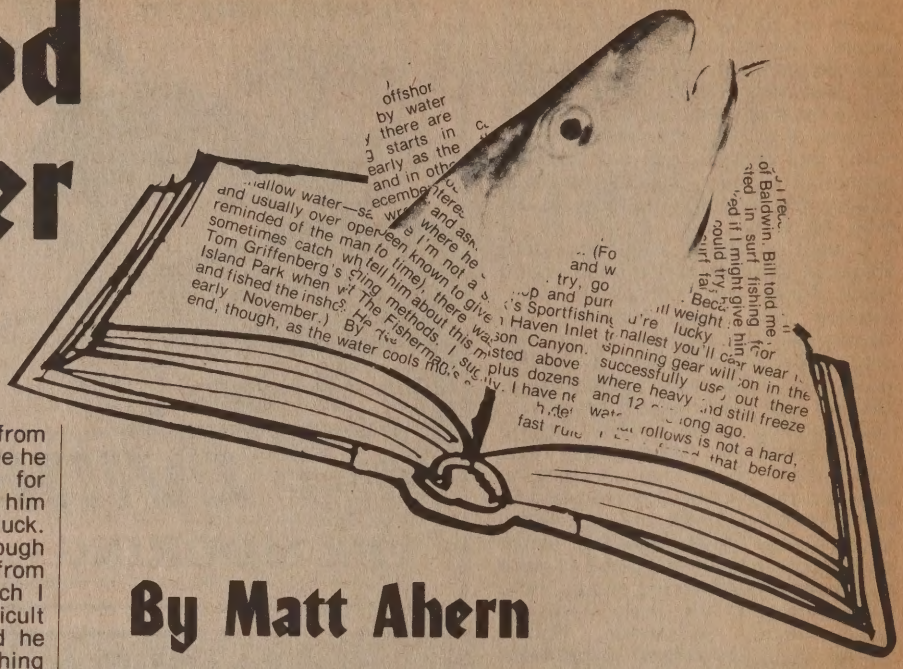


By Matt Ahern

Sometime ago I received a letter from Bill Jacobs of Baldwin. Bill told me he was interested in surf fishing for stripers and asked if I might give him info on where he could try his luck. Because I'm not a surf fan (though I've been known to give it a shot from time to time), there wasn't much I could tell him about this most difficult of fishing methods. I suggested he contact The Fisherman's surf fishing experts. He did.

Bill wrote again telling he'd given up all thought of making a killing in the surf, but instead planned on concentrating his efforts on winter codfishing. This, to me, sounded like a sensible idea, for less time, effort and knowledge are required to catch codfish than are needed to latch on to surf-run stripers. This I know for a fact, for my codfish catch in almost 60 years numbers in the thousands, but the amount of stripers I caught in the surf might (might, mind you) reach a dozen. It's true, of course, that I've devoted more time to codfishing and next to nothing for stripers, but this is because I desire better odds when fishing. I long ago concluded that the pursuit of stripers wasn't for a fisherman of my shy and gentle nature. (I tip my fishing cap to the dedicated, successful surf fisherman, for he is the elite of our clan.)

But all this isn't to say winter codfishing is easy. It is far from that. And I'm not referring to the cold, often inclement weather so common on the open sea at this time of year. This is no great problem, for with today's technology in winter wear for sportsmen, there is no reason in the world why we should go out there dressed like mummies and still freeze as we once did in the long ago.

Though what follows is not a hard, fast rule, I have found that before mid-November, cod are often caught in shallow water—say 40 to 50 feet—and usually over open bottom. (I am reminded of the many cod I used to sometimes catch while mate aboard Tom Griffenberg's Survivor II out of Island Park when we "got a hunch" and fished the inshore Sugar Barrel in early November.) By November's end, though, as the water cools more to the cod's liking, the majority of these fish will have moved farther offshore.

It is then when cod will hit into such areas as the Cholera Bank; the Southeast Ground; The Farms; Angler Bank; Middle Ground; Ambrose Ridge; Ambrose Tower; and the offshore Seabright Grounds. (For fishermen with suitable craft and who wish to give such areas a try, go to your nearest tackle shop and purchase a copy of Carmark's Sportfishing Loran C Chart—Beach Haven Inlet to Block Island to Hudson Canyon. Most of these areas listed above, or their general area, plus dozens more are listed. Truthfully, I have never seen a fishing chart with such detail.)

Exactly when cod hit into offshore areas is governed solely by water temperature. This is why there are seasons good codfishing starts in these offshore areas as early as the first week in November, and in other years as late as mid-December. By mid-December, sunken wrecks and various high spots in depths over 50 feet can be expected to produce cod.

Proper tackle to fish these areas is required. Because the average winter cod will weight from 6 to 10 pounds (if you're lucky these may be the smallest you'll catch on a good day), spinning gear will not do. You cannot successfully use this tender tackle where heavy sinkers (sometimes 10 and 12 ounces) are required, and in water which may reach 100 feet in depth. Such tackle will only bring you grief on the codfish grounds.

The rod you use should have the backbone to sink the hook into a cod that may go 30 or 40 pounds, and stiff enough to winch that cod to the surface. There are many suitable rods on the market and it is to your advantage to avail yourself of one.

Many codfishermen have made a fetish of proper rod length. Some feel that the longer the rod, the easier it is to fish away from the competition. True, of course. But let me remind you that the greatest cod-producing rig is a dropline in the hands of an expert.

In this respect, it isn't so much what you use to catch cod, but what you know about these fish and their habits that bring calls for the gaff. If you are undecided about rod length, select one a foot longer than your height. You will find such a rod easy to use and it won't become tiring during the day.

As for the reel, I can only say that you make certain it is the best you can afford. Don't attempt to save a buck here. Unless that reel of interest carries a name you recognize, one that is nationally advertised, or one that an experienced buddy recommends—forget about it. A codfishing reel must, of necessity, be rugged. A good reel with proper maintenance will last for many years, no matter how often you use it. (I have a Penn 155 I've used for codfishing that is over 50 years old—still works like a charm.)

Whatever reel you select, it should have a star drag, and it should operate smoothly. It should be capable of holding at least 150 yards of 30 or 40 pound test monofilament (good quality). That smooth operating star drag is important. You may have a five pound cod in your bucket at the moment, and your next one may be—who knows? Should you latch onto a 40 pounder, you'll be thankful for that drag.

Rigging for cod is simplicity itself.

Some codfishermen use but one hook and they believe that should be a

5/0 to 8/0 regular shanked Sproat rigged on an 18 inch, 40 pound test leader placed about 3½ feet above the sinker. These are the fellows who believe this high hook discourages most bottom-feeding fish from taking hold—ling, blackfish, bergalls, and such—thereby giving cruising cod a better opportunity to seize the bait.

These fishermen have a point, but you'll find most cod fanatics use the popular two-hook, hi-lo rig, by placing a bottom hook about four inches above the sinker. This aids them in catching a bonus of ling and/or blackfish while waiting out cod. What you prefer to do is entirely up to you. Unless there are many bergalls in the area, which in turn, will drive you to distraction with their bottom hook bait-stealing, I would opt for the two-hook rig.

This bottom hook can be a 3/0 or 4/0 Sproat. Cod occasionally pick up a bottom bait and either of these two hooks is strong enough to handle a cod. Fishermen are often surprised at how large a cod can be winched to the surface with these smaller hooks. This is why a good star drag is so important: it is half the battle.

Cod are shy and often extremely cautious, therefore take care when rigging up. Shun all those gaudy beads, brass hook lears, and such. Using them will cost you fish. Watch the experienced codfisherman. He has learned to use nothing more suitable than three-way swivels, or "Quick-Rigs." Go and do likewise.

And I say this simply because cod consider anything in the sea as fair game. The only requirement is that it fit into their cavernous mouths. Strips of fish bait such as squid, herring, mackerel chunks (fresh) and bergalls are all good. I once caught cod on chicken heads! But there is no sense in using exotic baits when skimmer clam works so well.

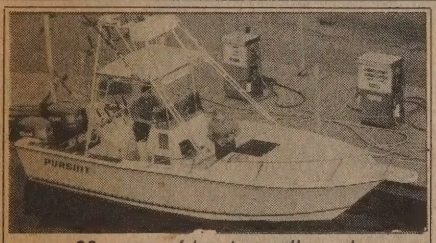
And here we come to a subject of much discussion. Many fishermen believe that because cod are big fish, blessed with large mouths, oversized baits must be used to be successful. I have never found this to be so. I have caught more cod on half a skimmer, or a third of a large one than I have on a whole skimmer. Some fellows have no qualms about putting on two or more large baits—and then they stand by in wonderment as they watch others deck most of the cod.

I've been codfishing on those wonderful days when the fish hit everything but the anchor, but, alas, they have been few and far between. On such days, large as well as smaller baits will work. But don't wait for such spectacular fishing, for you will wait in vain. You've got to take advantage of what you have going for you at the time. That's why I use a 5/0 hook, for with such a hook it is just about impossible to overload with bait.

There is also another advantage. Less bait on the hook means the current can hold the hook out and away from the main line. (Remember the cod's shyness.) Hooks that are heavily laden with bait have a tendency to hang downward and wrap around the main line. I have never known an instance where a cod approached such a rig and did its own untangling in order to reach the bait. Again, a word to the wise...

Most codfishing is done aboard party boats—and you can't beat that type of fishing. For the few bucks it will cost you, you have the services of a skipper with much cod-hunting experience—some of which goes back more than 50 years. Unless beginning codfishermen have buddies with a suitable private boat and much cod experience, I recommend giving party boats a try. You can also get a few interested friends together and charter. You can't go wrong on that. If cod are to be found, charter boat skippers will find them.

Where you fish cod aboard a party boat is important—especially when anchored over open bottom. Stern fishing is good; you will find most fishermen covet this spot. Midships produces fewer cod (as a rule) except when wreck fishing, where, in this instance, everyone has an equal chance. When I fish open bottom for cod, my favorite spot is the bow. When weather permits, you will always find me there. Competition is nil, and I have the whole, wide ocean before me.



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By Fred Laager

Surf fishermen know well that fishing on Long Island is productive right up till Election Day and that sometimes blues and bass can be caught even into the first moon of December. They know that as the waters along our beaches cool, the autumn duo of bass and bluefish school up and feast on a multitude of baitfish in preparation for their annual migration to the south. Large schools of these voracious predators seek out sand eels and bunker in the relatively shallow water of the surf and show little fear of anything found in the wash.

It was early November and as usual, the surf fishing had been getting progressively better ever since Labor Day with good catches of bass and bluefish being recently reported from both the Sore Thumb and Montauk. It seemed that everyone had been catching fish, so I was having a hard time deciding where I would go for some late season surf action.

"Should I make the eastward trek to Montauk or should I go west to Robert Moses to wet my line," I thought. "No, I think I'll stay closer to home. At least if the fish aren't biting I won't waste an entire day motoring around the Island."

I decided to go to Smith's Point.

I arrived at the beach before sunup and the temperature was a brisk 28 degrees. Long johns, a few sweaters, a jacket and a slicker, as well as a piping-hot cup of coffee helped to fend off the chill of the almost winter-like weather as I readied my gear and rigged up my rod. Hopefully it would warm up a bit with the first rays of the sun and it was this thought alone that made the casting and the waiting bearable.

With the first hint of light I could see the calm rolling combers swelling in off the ocean and I noticed that quite a large body of sand eels had sought shelter very close to shore between the wash and the outer bar. I also noticed that the waves immediately in front of me were breaking in a curious crosswise fashion allowing the water of the surf to drain backwards past the first bar while providing a natural corridor for the fish to come through.

A typical late fall blue. Inset: Author and a school bass fooled by a tin.

I was stunned when the first bass came porpoising through the opening, leaping frantically after the frightened sand eels. Quickly I tied on a spoon, made a cast and was fast into a fish of 10 pounds or so. On the next cast I had another. Then another, and yet another. Bass were everywhere. I once saw a big bass of 30 pounds or so (I might have been seeing things), but when I cast to it I only managed to hook up with a teen size striper that made two powerful runs before being subdued. And then, as quickly as it had begun, it was over. The bass had left and for good reason.

The blues came in without so much as a dimple showing on the surface. When I felt the spoon hit savagely and felt the head-jerking powerful run I knew that the bass had retreated from the area to feed in better company and that the rest of my catches would be solely bluefish. Luckily, I love catching bluefish. With each cast of the spoon, with each cast of a popper, with each cast of almost everything I had in my surf bag, I hooked a fish between 8 and 15 pounds.

To score well on this autumn duo a fisherman must be comfortable and at this time of the year that means keeping warm and dry. Cotton underwear followed by layers of wool sweaters and shirts provide adequate insulation against heat loss but wind,

the almost ever-present force that blows bait into the wash and brings the schools of bass and bluefish in, can pull the BTUs right out of an unsuspecting caster if no windbreakers or slickers are worn. Chest waders, even if not used in the water proper, will protect against the chill of the wind and, when used in conjunction with a pullover slicker keeps in the heat and provides protection from the soaking of crashing waves. A wool cap, covered by the hook of a slicker will keep in most of the heat that is lost through the head, keeping you feeling toasty and making your surf fishing experience an enjoyable one.

Being comfortable is important, but the next most important thing is finding the fish. Keeping in touch with other surf fishermen will give you up-to-the minute information or your local tackle dealer might give you a helping hand in locating the action. If you're a loner or if you are not able to do the necessary footwork to gather the current surf news, The Long Island Fisherman's Surf Report is the next best thing to having an uncle in the fishing business. Find where the fish are and half the battle is won; but remember, to fish at many of Long Island's fishing hotspots you must obtain special permits especially when using vehicles on the beach. Check with your local department of parks and recreation concerning information on the use of the beaches you intend to fish.

Once you find the fish you must then choose a fishing method that is prouductive. Bait might be your first choice with bunker, clam or eels being some of the more popular choices or you might want the excitement and sport of working plugs either on or below the surface. I like to put out bait on one rod and put it in a sand spike while I plug with another outfit. Using this method I often take large fish with the baited rod while having lots of fun with schoolies on plugs and spoons. I also find that throwing plugs helps to keep my blood moving, keeping me warm on those frigid autumn mornings.

So don't make the mistake of putting your fishing gear away to soon. All too often many of us begin our hibernation long before the bass and blues have left our waters because we think of things from our perspective and not the fish's. We think of the cold and the harsh winds and how uncomfortable it makes us feel and, when we choose to pack it in for the winter we like to think that the fish have left for the year to seek the warmer climes that we have retreated to. Unfortunately, fish don't feel the cold the way we do. They will inhabit our waters well into November and some of the nastiest days in the surf will prove to be the most productive. Dress appropriately, get the latest scoop on where the action is and put your time in. Hopefully, you'll catch your limit of the autumn duo and bring home a stringer of memories to last you through the winter.

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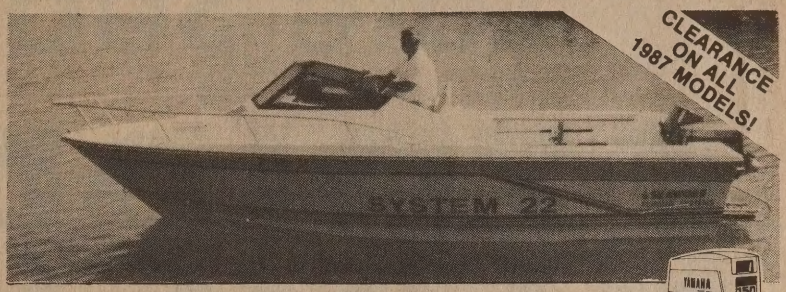

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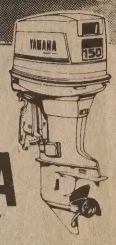

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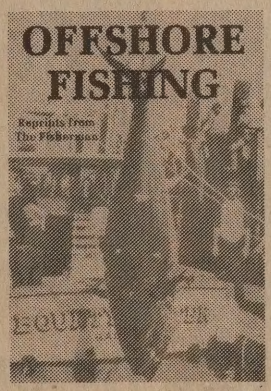

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Late Season STRIPERS

Striped bass fishermen enjoy good fishing this month and next.

By Russ Wilson

Striped bass have always held the interest of dedicated saltwater fishermen and will more than likely continue to gather a large following as the ranks of northeast coastal sportsmen who derive their pleasure from the Atlantic Ocean and its tributary rivers and bays increases.

There is a reason for the dedication and admiration given the striper. Not only is this a game fish of the highest order, it is also one of the most unpredictable fish you are likely to encounter when fishing the salt.

Bass fishing is a love/hate affair, often addictive to the point that marriages, jobs and fortunes have been lost in the pursuit of a striper large enough to hang on the den or living room wall.

To be a success at catching striped bass on a regular basis you've got to be dedicated, bullheaded, thick-skinned and stubborn as the proverbial mule.

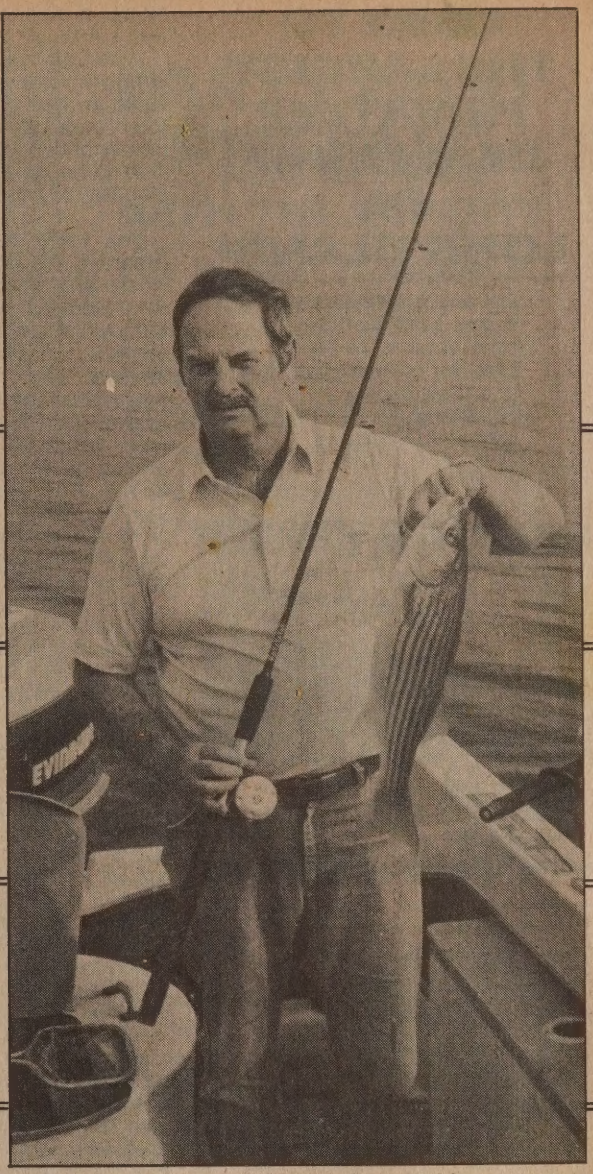
Expert striper fishermen are few and far between, probably due to the fact that bass, especially those worthy of bragging rigs, are limited in number and not easy to catch. In short, bragging size linesiders do not come easy. There are some tricks and tips that will enable most anyone to catch bass. Keep in mind, however, that bass fishing is somewhat like being a salesman: you'll win a few and lose a few.

The worn adage, "You can please some people all of the time and all of the people some of the time, but you can't please all the people all the time," is doubly true when pursuing the unpredictable striped bass. I've yet to find a system that works 100 percent of the time. In fact, I am more than pleased if my methods produce bass on half my trips. I've heard of savvy bassmen who do better, but can't honestly say that I've ever actually met one of these super human beings.

Dedicated striped bass fishermen are a breed apart. Just recently, I literally ran into a friend who has been chasing stripers for the better part of 25 years. The October moon was full and in its glare I could see his eyes glowing a bright red that looked as though he might have been on a week-long drinking binge.

When he spoke I knew that wasn't the case. Seems my friend had been live lining bunker from one of the jetties at Spring Lake for the past four weeks, getting up before dawn to snag bunker from the Manasquan River so he could fish a couple hours before work and then returning to the jetty just prior to dark for more

Here's a cow culled from among the schoolies.



It has been a good year for catching many schoolie size bass. Remember to release them; they'll only get bigger!

punishment. And, if that weren't enough to make a strong man weep, after fishing bunker, he would switch over to a spinning outfit to cast rigged eels until he could no longer stand erect on the rocks.

His hands shook as he tried to light a cigarette that he certainly didn't need, and when he spoke his voice faltered. When visiting the Big Apple, I've seen Bowery drunks who had better control of themselves. It was a sorry sight, but I can honestly say I understood his dilemma. All of us who are striped bass fishermen have been there at one time or another.

My friend, who shall remain nameless for obvious reasons, was in a sorry state. He hadn't hooked a bass for more than two weeks and in the four week period that caused him to be one step above commitment to an institution that handles his type, had caught only two stripers, both undersize fish that he had to release.

After opening the trunk of his auto and showing all the plugs, metals and rigged eels that had filed to produce a keeper, our friend went through an in-depth description of how, when and where he'd been fishing.

It happens. I can remember a summer when the bass just would not touch my rigged eels, plugs or live baits. Everyone including some neophyte fishermen who didn't know the difference between a striper and a carp was catching except for yours truly. I tried every trick I'd learned and some that I dreamed up while watching another guy slap the gaff into a 30 pounder. No use. The fish did not like me.

That slump lasted throughout July and most of August. It wasn't because I wasn't fishing, for my footprints were etched into the rocks of at least a dozen Monmouth County jetties.

Although I have a wife who understands what it is to be "snakebit," things got a tad hectic at home, and on the job as well as among friends who I do believe laughed uncontrollably behind my back, but offered sympathy whenever we crossed paths on a darkened jetty.

Things finally began to get a little better during the mullet run in September. That was to be expected, for they could not have gotten any worse. I finally broke the jinx one night when the striper gods decided I'd had enough punishment and sacrificed a pair of twenties and a thirty to keep me from going totally off the deep end.

Anyway, if you hope to become a striped bass fisherman, you've got to

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be willing to invest a lot of time and effort. It also helps to be lucky and just a little off center.

Although striped bass are extremely unpredictable they do have a few kinks in their armor that will lead to their undoing. Knowing the weaknesses of your quarry and then being able to capitalize on them will go a long way toward giving you the upper hand.

You know the fish have to eat. Gleaning the knowledge as to when, where and on what foods will take a little learning. Summer has past, the fall mullet run is history and the big schools of bunker that provided stripers easy pickings throughout September and October are now beginning to thin out. If you expect to score during the tag end of the striper season you can forget about live-lining. And, more than likely you won't put many linesiders in the boat or on the sand when flinging surface poppers that are designed to resemble mullet.

Now's the time to break out the sub-surface swimmers, metals and leadhead jigs (bucktails). Savvy bass nounds will carry a selection of swimming plugs including the slender bodied models such as Bomber, Redfin, Hellcat, Rapala and Rebel plus a few Atom, Creek Chub and Dannys that have stood the test of time.

Sharpies at the game will have a variety of these productive lures in 5½ to 7 inch sizes and will generally opt for models that are blue, green, black or yellow on the back and shade to white or silver/gray on the sides and belly. Red and white, all white or solid black can be extremely effective colors for night fishing and should be included in the tackle bag.

Most anyone who has chucked a metal into the salt has used the Hopkins lure. It is a proven metal that will generally take stripers when all else fails. Select a few with bucktail dressed single tail hooks in weights of 1½ to 3 ounces. You might also opt for some local favorites such as the Ultimus, Butter-mullet and stainless steel or plated sand eel squids. If you're really into flinging metals make sure you have a few block tin squids and a jar of Uncle John pork rind strips in white or yellow to give the metals additional fish catching appeal.

Bucktails are universal and will usually take most predatory species of salt and freshwater game fish. I would not consider my striped bass arsenal complete without having a few bucktails stuffed into the tackle bag.

It is wise to carry a variety of bucktails in weights ranging from one-half to three ounces. Although most any color bucktail will garner savage strikes from hungry stripers, as well as late season blues and weakfish, from a practical approach, your best bet is select those that are painted white or yellow and have a touch of mylar to give off some flash.

Rigged eels always seem to get the attention of large stripers that are prowling the suds throughout summer and early fall, but do not produce as many bass when the water temperatures have dropped below 50 degrees. However, like many, I feel naked if I do not have a couple rigged eels in the bag even though I may not use them.

Daybreak and dusk are prime time for taking big linesiders. This is true everywhere along the northeast Atlantic throughout most of the year and also applies for anglers fishing the tag end of the season. Although early morning tides can be very productive, if I had to choose one time to do all of my late season striper fishing it would probably be the final hour before full darkness and the first hour or so following sunset.

Tides play a major role in successful late season striped bass fishing. This applies when fishing from boat, surf or jetty. Some jetties cannot be fished at high or even mid tide. Others can be negotiated at full flood. Winds also hamper access to many rock piles and must be considered when planning a fishing trip on a specific area.

Personally, I like dead low water for catching bigger bass. Although it isn't scientific fact, past successes indicate bigger bass prefer low water. Our log book, kept for more than 25 years, reveals the combination of a southerly wind and dead low tide have produced the greatest number of bass exceeding 20 pounds during the months of October, November and December.

Interestingly, although rigged eels have always taken bigger bass throughout summer and early fall, during the late season our best scores came when casting a 7 inch swimming plug that was painted all black. Keep in mind, that I use only lures for late season striper fishing. Natural baits, sand or bloodworms, clam or mullet may produce equally good results.

East winds, whether from the northerly or southerly quarter will usually cause the ocean to kick up its heels. The white water that is created when waves slap against the rocks or shore will normally increase your chance of success, but may not necessarily bring the bigger linesiders into the shallows to feed.

You won't catch many striped bass when you are sitting in the car or truck or shooting the breeze with other anglers who haven't learned what it is all about. Knowledgeable striper fishermen put in a lot of hours, at most inappropriate times and usually when the weather isn't fit for man or beast. That's when the big bass will decide to eat.

If you are not willing to suffer a little to reap the rewards, you probably should forget about catching a wall hanging size striper and try for a fish that is more considerate. Bluefish, bottom species including tautog, sea bass and porgy, or winter flounder will fill the bill, but none of those have stripes or weigh fifty or more pounds!

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By Capt. P

After another long, hard, piscatorial campaign, I'm usually physically drained by the end of November. Give or take another couple of weeks to haul the Regina M and winterize her, then I'm pretty well set for the long winter layoff. Then it's time to sleep late on weekends except for an occasional codfish excursion, or those rare opportunities when I have a chance to substitute a 20 gauge Browning for rod and reel and hunt some upland birds.

I have yet to come up with a successful cure for cabin fever, but I have found that building my own rods during the dead of winter is some pretty successful therapy! It keeps my mind occupied with my favorite pastime even when the snow is knee-deep and you'd need an icebreaker to get through the bay.

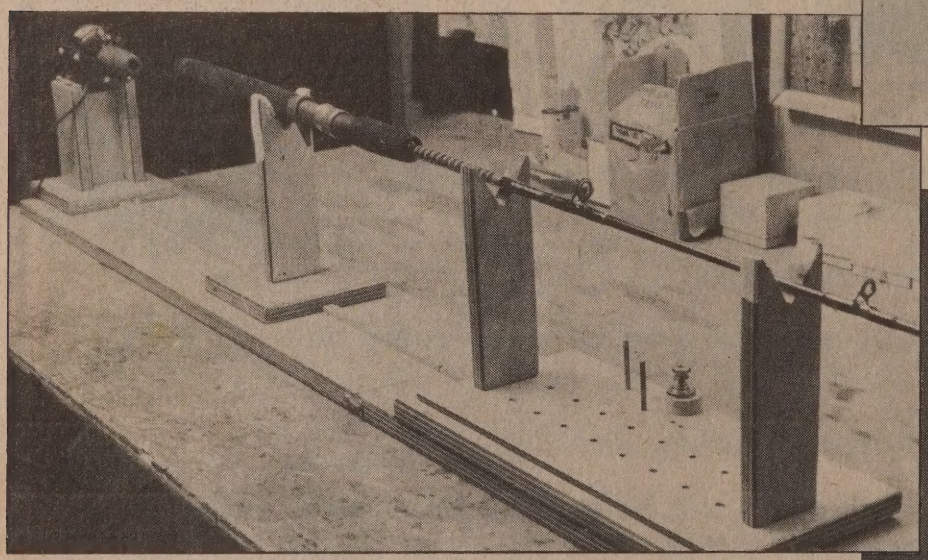
Last year we presented what I think was a pretty well rounded series of technical step by step instructions on how to build your own rods. This year we're going to expand on this a bit further by showing you how to build a couple of very useful rods. But first we're going to explain how to build your own rod building bench. Then we're actually going to walk you through the construction of a great all-around light to medium conventional bay rod that you'll find is adaptable to many different fishing situations. Then we're going to show you how to build your own Stand-Up Shark/Tuna Stik. Finally, we'll round out the series by giving you some tips on how to refinish some of your old fishing rods, so they'll look and perform like new.

Once again let me remind you that you shouldn't get into rod building for the sole purpose of saving money. In all likelihood, if you total up the cost of all the components that go into a good high quality custom rod, then add on what you figure your labor is worth, you'll come pretty close to the cost of a store bought stick. But if you have the patience to do it right, you'll be rewarded with a rod that has the feel and action tailored to your own exact specifications, built with the quality and craftsmanship that can never be matched by a store bought rod.

We've got a lot to cover in the next several weeks, so let's roll up our sleeves and get started.

A good rod building bench is an essential tool for the custom rod builder. It makes building rods so much easier that I would hate to even think about building a single rod without a decent bench. The bench that I have been using for many years was made by Cabela's and was available through their mail order catalog. Unfortunately, this model is no longer available. However, they do list some newer versions if you'd rather order a kit than build your own. (Cabela's, 812 13th Avenue, Sidney, Nebraska 69160.) As you can see from the photograph, the bench is basically a 6 foot long wood platform that measures 8 inches wide and 3/4 inches high. It has a 1/2 wide by 1/4 inch high hardwood rail that functions like a track that your rod supports run on. If you're handy and have the right tools at your disposal, you could probably design your own bench from the photographs provided. If you're not handy (like me), read on and I'll try to explain how to build an even simpler version without fancy tools that shouldn't cost you more than 15 or 20 dollars.

Before you begin construction on your own bench, keep in mind that it need not be as long as the rods you plan to build. As mentioned before, our bench is 6 feet long and we have built everything from small ultralight spinning rods to giant 10½ foot conventional surfcasting rods on it. So tailor the final dimensions of your own bench to what your available space requirements dictate. The main platform of a simple bench can be made out of some cheap pine shelving 8 inches wide by 1 inch thick. In reality when you ask for this at the lumber yard you'll probably find out



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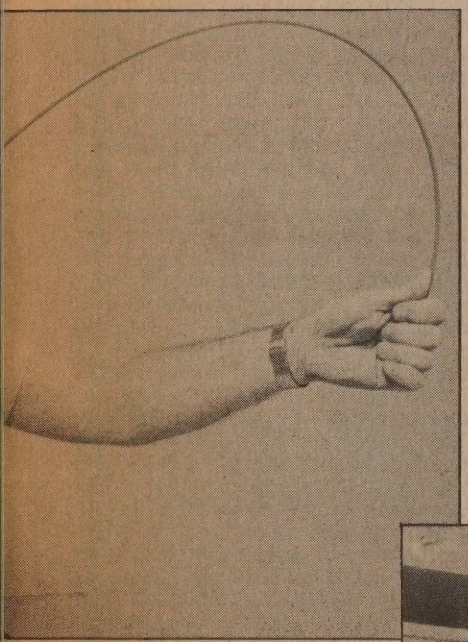

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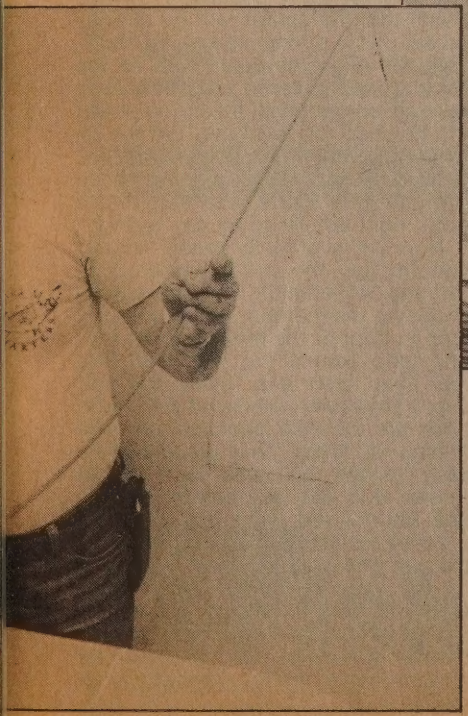

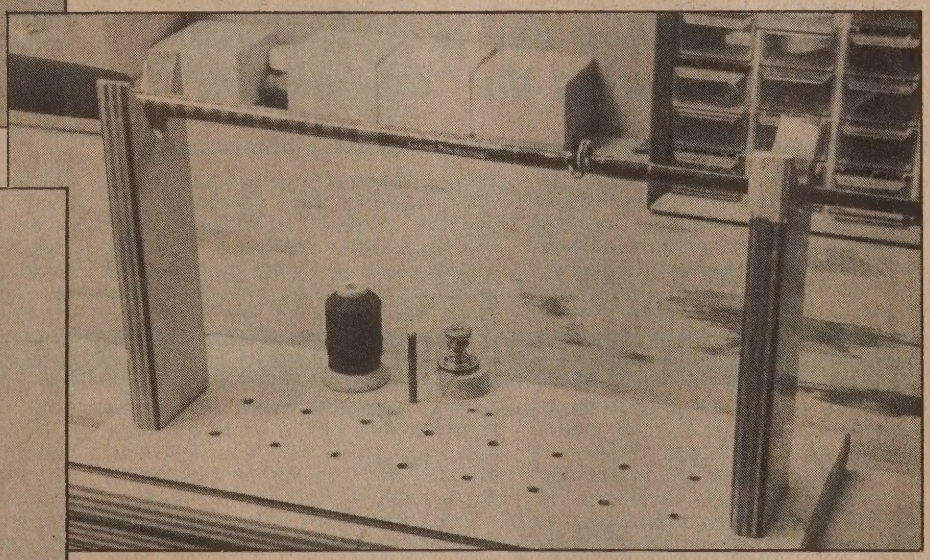

that the actual finished dimensions of this wood will be 8 inches wide by 3/4 inches thick, which is fine. Just try and pick out a piece that is as straight and knot free as possible. Cut this pine shelving to the length desired. Six feet long is fine, but if you have the extra counter space go for it. If you don't, feel free to down size it a bit. If you don't have some scrap lumber laying around, purchase about 5 feet more of the 1 X 8 inch pine shelving than you'll need for the base to use for the rod supports and thread tension platform. Next, buy enough 1/4 inch by 1½ inch flat molding to go around all four sides of your platform base. For example, if you're planning on a 6 foot long bench, 14 feet of 1/4 by 1½ inch flat molding should do. Take this flat molding and cut it so it will fit along all four sides of your platform base. You can nail it on with wire brads or glue and screw it together for a more professional touch. Now in effect what you have is a platform bed with a 3/4 inch high fence around the perimeter of the base. This is simpler than constructing a thin hardwood rail down the middle of the bench because you won't have to groove the bottom of all your rod support bases and the thread tensioning platform. This could be a little tricky without the right tools. Now cut 2 pieces of the excess pine shelving 5 inches long. These two pieces of 5" x 8" x 3/4" shelving will be for the bases of your outer rod supports. I have been comfortable with rod supports that are 9 inches high overall, so cut two more pieces of shelving 8¾ inches long. Cut a "V" notch in the top of each of these supports before gluing and screwing them to their bases. Line the "V" notches with some Dr. Scholl's mole skin and your outer rod supports are done. If you were careful when measuring and cutting you'll find that these supports should fit snugly anywhere along the length of your bench. This way you can adjust them to the best position to hold your rod blank during construction.

Now we have to build another platform that will hold the rod winding thread and the two inner rod supports. As you can see from the close-up photograph, the spool of thread is held in position with some small diameter 4 inch long bolts (with matching nuts), a spring, some washers and a cork ring. The sole purpose of this device is to keep your spool of thread under tension while wrapping your rod. The platform base should be cut from he remaining shelving and should measure 8" x 16". The inner rod supports (2) are made the same way as the outer supports utilizing another piece of pine shelving measuring 8¼ inches high by 8 inches wide. Just make sure you line them up correctly, about an inch in from each end of the thread platform base. Once again, this platform should fit snugly between the sides of the bench. When constructing all your rod supports and bases, make sure you line them up carefully and glue and screw them together.

Now comes the question of whether or not you're going to motorize your bench. I would suggest that you do, if you plan to build more rods in the future. After wrapping your first blank manually, you'll probably be cross-eyed, your hands and fingers will be so cramped that you'll be sure you've developed an acute case of arthritis. A rod winding motor will enable you to underwrap and wrap a rod in a fraction of the time it takes to do it manually. A complete rod winding motor and foot pedal sells for around $30 in tackle shops catering to rod builders and is worth its weight in gold once you get used to it. You can save some money if you can locate a sewing machine parts store, because those motors are made from a 5000 RPM AC sewing machine motor. Foot pedal switches are available from electronic parts supply houses like Radio Shack for under $10.

Once you've built your rod winding bench I'd suggest you practice wrapping guides on an old rod or spare

blank utilizing the techniques we're about to teach you *before* you actually attempt to build your own pride and joy. It takes some practice to get the hang of it, but once you do, it's like riding a bicycle: you'll never forget how to do it. If you don't practice before you're ready to build your first rod you'll probably get frustrated and might even be tempted to give up the ship. Don't! Power winding is the hardest technique for the budding rod crafter to master. Just when you're about ready to give up, it will come to you in a flash and from then on it'll be all smooth sailing.

The rod we're going to build for our first project is a great all around light to medium conventional bay rod that makes a great flounder "meat stick." It is also a perfect live bait and bucktailing rod for fluke and is just as useful offshore diamond jigging and chunking small to medium size bluefish. For fluke and flounder fishing a Penn 930 or Garcia 6500C levelwind reel filled with 10 pound test mono is the perfect combination. For diamond jigging or baiting small blues, set this rod up with a Shimano Triton TLD 15 lever drag reel, some 15 or 17 pound mono and an educated drag and go enjoy yourself. The rod is based on a Fenwick SP 844 blank (which is available in brown, white or honey colored) and has one of the sweetest fast taper actions you'll ever find. Let's take a closer look at exactly what those numbers mean. SP stands for spinning blank. That's right, we're gonna build a conventional rod based on a spinning blank! This is standard operating procedure and you should realize that if you combine this blank with a good baitcasting reel you should be able to make some pretty fine casts. The number 844 stands for a blank that is 84 inches long (7 feet), hence the 84 designation. The last 4 in the catalog number is Fenwick's way of telling us that it is a "fast taper" blank built with medium power. Just the kind of action the doctor ordered for a good all around rod. This is an S-Glass blank which means it is lighter and more sensitive than your regular fiberglass blanks more specifically referred to as an E-Glass blank. The tip section on this blank is delicate enough to handle light sinkers (and lures), yet has enough muscle to work lead up to 4 or 5 ounces without straining its action.

Aspiring Metropolitan Area rod builders have quite a few local tackle shops that cater to the custom rod crafter at their disposal. Beckmann's, on Sunrise Highway in Lynbrook, Sea Isle on Guy Lombardo Ave. in Freeport and Lon Wanser's on Merrick Road in Seaford are just a few that come to mind. While Wanser's definitely has the largest inventory of Fenwick blanks on hand, each of these shops is staffed with knowledgeable sales help who are eager to guide the beginning rod builder. The Fenwick SP 844 blank is a pretty popular blank, so it should be easy enough to locate. If none of the aforementioned tackle shops have any in stock I'm sure one of them will gladly order it for you. If you run into a problem you can probably order one from Cabela's or some other mail order house. This blank is also available in a two piece version (SP 844F), but I believe that most two piece blanks lack the same uniform action as their one piece counterparts. So stick with the one piece blank.

In order to "fine tune" the action of this blank to our specifications, the first thing we're going to have to do is to trim 6 inches off the top (better known as the tip section) of the blank. This will leave us with a 6½ foot blank with a pretty sensitive tip and enough backbone (power) to sink the hook. The easiest way to trim this blank is with a hacksaw equipped with a fine-toothed blade. First measure 6 inches from the tip of the blank and make a mark with a grease pencil, Magic Marker or china marker. Now, wrap some masking tape on both sides of your mark, leaving enough space for the hacksaw blade. The masking tape prevents the delicate tip section of the blank from splintering when being cut. Now take a thick towel and wrap it around the jaws of a vise to cushion the blank. Place the blank in the vise and *carefully* tighten the vise just enough to hold the blank securely but *delicately*. Don't tighten it too much or you'll crush the blank! Now a few short strokes with a sharp hacksaw blade and you'll have your own fine tuned SP 844 blank. When the blank is cut, a size 8 tip should fit perfectly.

Rod building can provide good therapy during the "off season."

Once your blank is fine tuned, the next step is to locate the spline of the blank. "Splining the blank" as this procedure is commonly known, is the method used to align the blank and find its strong side. When rod blanks are made, a special woven glass cloth is wrapped around a steel mandrel to form the blank. Then the cloth is impregnated with resin, wrapped with cellophane and cured with heat. Next the cellophane is removed and the blank is sanded and treated with another resin to give it a smooth umblemished finish. When the woven glass cloth is wrapped around the mandrel, one side always has one more thickness of glass cloth around it than the other. This is why most blanks won't flex evenly in all directions. By aligning the blank, we want to find the spline (or backbone) of the blank. This is probably the most important step in building your own rod. It must be done in order to concentrate all the power that's built into the blank in the right direction! Once you find the spline and the strong side of the blank, you'll know what side of the blank to put the guides on. Sadly enough, this critical step (finding the spline) is usually neglected when most mass produced rods are manufactured.

To find the spline, hold the blank with the butt end on a smooth, flat surface (like a kitchen table) at about a 45 degree angle. Support the top half of the blank in the palm of one of your hands. With the fingertips of your other hand, press down on the middle of the blank, making it bend a little. Now roll the blank back and forth. The spline will be located where the rod "jumps" under your fingertips. Put a lengthwise mark on the blank here utilizing the same implement you used to mark the blank before. Once the spline is found, now we have to determine which side is the "strong side"of the blank. Hold the blank by the butt with one hand while the mark indicating the spline is facing up. Now, grab the tip of the blank with your other hand and gently flex the blank back and forth. Most likely, you will notice that it will be harder to flex the blank in one direction than the other. The side which is stiffer is the strong side. Usually it will be located on the same axis as the spline or directly opposite it. Whatever the case may be, mark the strong side of the blank with a thin stip of masking tape running lengthwise along the blank. Since we're building a conventional rod, the guides will go directly on *top* of the strong side of the blank. This will align the blank with all the other components, so you'll be able to take advantage of all the lifting power the finished rod will have. Let me remind you again, this step is very important, so take your time and check yourself until you're sure that you've got it right before going any further.

Now we're actually ready to start constructing the rod by assembling the grip. Assembling the grip entails choosing the material for the foregrip (grip in front of the reel seat), the rear grip (grip behind the reel seat), the reel seat itself and finally the butt cap. I am firmly convinced that foam grips are the best grips to use on a fishing rod today. They are extrernely easy to put on, they last almost forever and are very comfortable to use. For this rod, we're going to need a 1/2 by 12 inches long foam grip for the rear and a 1/2 by 4 inch foam grip for the foregrip. The length of these two grips plus the reel seat were designed so that when you hold this rod the rear portion of the grip should be long enough to reach underneath your elbow.

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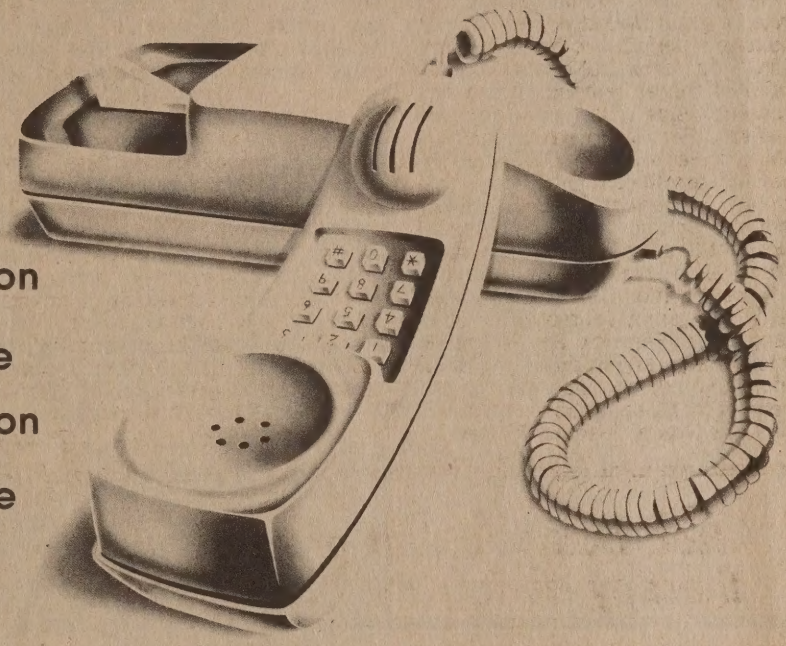

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Moriches Bay

By Tom Schlichter

The Thanksgiving month has always been a difficult one for me in terms of fishing on Moriches Bay. It's not that I have many days when the fish aren't biting. Quite the contrary; the dilemma posed by November is one of choosing between three of my favorite inshore species when it comes time to buy bait, load the boat with tackle or make a decision as to where I might fish. You see, despite the fact that many anglers have called it quits by this time of year, November offers some spicy action with flounder, blackfish and tackle busting blues.

As you can probably guess, my dilemma revolves around a strong desire for good tasting fillets, variety and fun. Blackfish are my favorite inshore bottom species to catch. I find them challenging, extremely fun to fish for, and also very good tasting. Large bluefish do little for me when palatability is an issue, but who can resist catching one or two last choppers before these battlers head south for the winter. Flounder I can never get enough of, and with a long winter ahead filling the freezer with tasty fillets always seems a pressing concern. About three years ago, after several years of frustration from fishing for all three species on most trips and obtaining only mediocre results, I decided there had to be an easier way to have my cake and eat it too. Thus, in my mind, I began to dissect the situation.

I began by examining my approach to these trips. A normal venture usually started out anchored for blackfish alongside the front third of the west jetty at Moriches Inlet. Most days I scored well here at the very top of the tide, but as the current picked up steam and began to push hard, holding bottom became difficult with sinkers less than 5 ozs. Thus, I would switch over to the blues, pulling up the anchor and making short drifts through the inlet area. Usually, several boats would be jigging or trolling the choppers with good success while I hauled tog, so the prospects of scoring well with the blues seemed strong. More often than not, however, the taking of one or two quick choppers was followed by an hour or so of fruitless jigging—the feed was over. Disgusted with the lack of blues, I would head back into the bay to mix it up with the flatties, only to catch the tail end of the action as I anchored, or worse, to have just missed the best fishing completely.

A pattern was starting to emerge and a look through my log book confirmed my suspicions. All three species seemed to be feeding best on the same stage of the tide—usually the first quarter of either incoming or outgoing. This meant that by the time I had finished loading up with one species, the feeding activity of the other two had usually tapered off. Running around just wasn't an efficient method of taking these fish. While I was fishing for the blackfish, the blues were on the binge, too. But by the time I finished with the blacks, the choppers were beginning to move off. At the same time, the flatties were in peak form, but I was spending my time looking for the blues that were no longer on the feed. Finally, after realizing that the blues were finished, I would run back inside, only to find the flatties were just about finished. I seemed to be always one step behind.

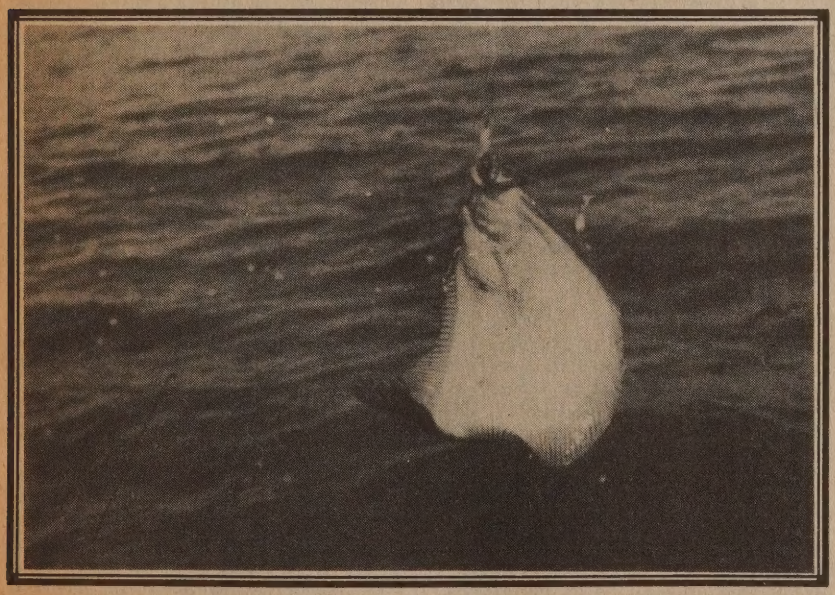
On any day, I could load up with one species, but I wanted more. I wanted to have some variety in my catches. I wanted a little bit of spice. The answer, I realized, lay in finding a way to combine the blackfish and bluefishing so that I could take advantage of both at the same time. Since the tide inside the bay, along the main east/west channels where the flatties like to stack up, is always an hour or so behind that at the inlet, I could still get in on some of the best flounder action, provided I had finished up with the other two species before the water began to move strongly inside. So the major stumbling block concerned the inlet species.

Combining blackfish and bluefishing proved harder than it would at first seem. While both species favored the inlet waters, the blacks were easy to entice from an anchored boat but the blues were rarely schooled tight enough to make casting diamond jigs or spoons worthwhile from a stationary boat. Also, with the choppers always on the move in and out of the area, too much time was wasted casting to water that held no blues, while blackfish went unmolested on the bottom. Anchoring did not at first seem to hold any promise when the blues were concerned, and obviously, drifting would not allow me to tangle with many blackfish.

It was the bluefish themselves that provided the final answer as to how to combine my fishing. One morning,

A Touch of Spice

while reeling a 2 lb. blackfish to the surface, a huge chopper shot out from under the stern of my boat and sliced the tog in half. Roughly half an hour later it happened again! Twice was too much for me to stand and I quickly rigged the next small blackfish I caught on a fishfinder rig. The rig was lowered to the bottom, the drag loosened on the reel and the rod placed in a stern rod holder while I resumed blackfishing. Two medium tog were brought aboard without incident. As I lowered my baits back down a third time, the dead stick came alive as two bumps of the tip were followed by a runoff. I placed the blackfish pole in a holder, grabbed the dead stick and placed it in free spool. After tightening the drag, I leaned back and the fish was on. A



spirited battle ensued but after about five minutes, I stuck the 16 lb. blue and pulled it aboard. Livelining was certainly the answer. After taking one more big blue and several medium sized blackfish with the same method, the tide began to push hard. I quickly pulled anchor and moved back inside the bay where the current was just starting to flow. In another hour's time, I had more than a dozen flatties. The flatfishing then began to wane, at about the stage of the tide I had usually arrived at. Finished for the day, I again pulled anchor and headed for the dock. My score, eight blackfish to 8.5 lbs., two slammer blues in the 16 lb. range, and 13 flatties from 3/4 to 1.25 lbs., was one of my most satisfying that season. Since that time, I have made many similar trips with equally pleasant results. Some have even been better.

Obviously, if one wants to take advantage of all three species, a little preparation will be needed. Bait is as good a place as any to start. I usually begin with the purchase of clams or bloodworms, depending on what the flounder are feeding on at the time. One pack per angler is usually enough. The clams are sliced into strips 2½ inches by a 1/4 inch wide. The bloodworms are broken into 2 inch segments. Both can be skewered with a half inch of tail hanging off the end of the hook.

For the blackfish, a dozen green crabs per fisherman will be necessary. Since most of the blackfish average less than 3 lbs., it's best to remove the top shell and quarter each crab. This will allow the tog to get your entire bait down their throats and also helps the bait go a little further.

While it is always a good idea to carry along some cut bunker or diamond jigs just in case, your bluefish bait should consist of small, live blackfish and bergalls taken while tog tugging. These are hooked once through the eyes (for the smallest baits) or just behind the skull and slightly ahead of the dorsal fin. Be sure the hook point protrudes from the bait's skin. The rig is then lowered to the bottom and allowed to bounce roughly 50 feet downtide. At that point, the reel is placed with the anti-reverse and "clicker" on or the drag loosened to the point where any additional pressure, such as a strike, will peel off some line. Place the rod in its holder, and concentrate on the blackfish until something picks up the live bait.

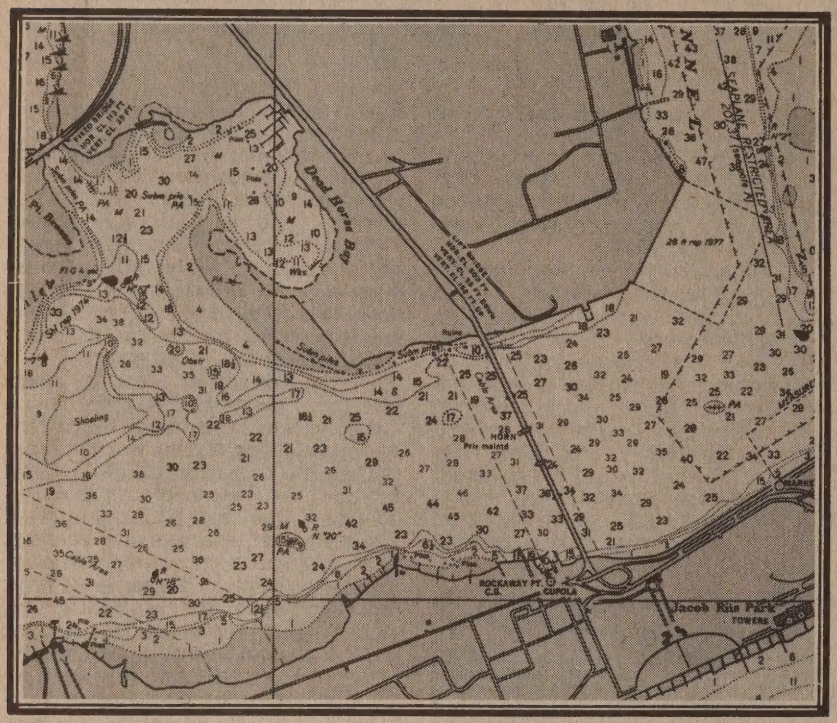
For the blackfish, a single hook bottom rig with the hook tied in 4 to 6 inches above the sinker is used. Size #4 Virginia style hooks are the best choice. The flattie rigs are also bottom setups. These, however, can be single hook or tandem tied. For the flatties, hooks should be kept within 4 inches of the sinker. Choose #8 wide gap or Chestertown style hooks for these rigs. The fish finder rig used for the blues employs 5/0 to 8/0 Sproat style hooks preceded by a 4 to 6 inch length of wire leader. Sinkers vary from rig to rig. For the flattie, choose a 2 oz. bank. A 3 to 5 oz. bank sinker works best for the blacks. Because the bluefish rig must hold down a live bait weighing as much as a pound, a 4 to 6 oz. bank sinker is used to anchor the bait until a blue happens by.

Deciding how much tackle to bring along is not as much of a problem as one might think. Since you will, for the most part, be working the early stages of the tide, a medium tapered pole about 5½ to 6½ feet in length will work well for both the flatties and blackfish. Reels can be either spinning or conventional but I usually opt for the second choice spooled with 12 lb. test line. For the blues, something a little heavier, say a 6 foot boat pole coupled with a conventional reel and spooled with 20 lb. test line, is a better choice. While I have seen anglers best blues here with lighter spinning setups, when the size of the baits, sinkers and quarry are all considered, the heavier oufit seems a much more sure way to do business.

Right about now, the fall run of blackfish, flounder and bruiser blues should be hitting its peak in the Moriches area. And if variety is truly the spice of life, it's time to get out and sample the spice rack. Use November to get in your last licks at this delightful inshore trio, then you can sit back over the winter and savor the flavor until the action turns on again next spring.

Rockaway Inlet

By Vincent Badame



As the big three charge south along the Atlantic coastline and cold mornings discourage further attempts by a majority of surf casters, what are never-say-die fishermen supposed to do from now until Christmas?

Avid fishing buffs not yet ready to pack their tackle away and eager to avoid the "cabin fever" syndrome seek other targets. The more hardy, energetic anglers amongst us make pilgrimages offshore to sample cod fishing. Bundled up in warm, water repellent clothing, these hardy souls try to put a dent into the cod population. Some do; many others don't!

So those of us who want to catch our second wind without giving up the rod try other less demanding angling that can be enjoyed in a more pleasant and comfortable environment. My solution to fishing on frosty mornings is inshore flatties. For the past few seasons, I've grown to appreciate and cherish flounder fishing to rest my weary bones.

Essentially restocking the freezer with fresh fish is my goal (before the first snowfall). I crawl out of bed with only one target in mind: firm, fat flounder that can be filleted, packaged and piled inside my freezer. And by choosing my fishing days wisely, the sun may beat down on my body—which adds zest to my fun.

A few years back, I wasn't able to climb aboard winter cod boats for health reasons. But as the saying goes, "you can't keep a good man down!" So, too, a fisherman. To satisfy the itchy spirit in me, I reintroduced myself to a long ago flounder hotspot. My relatives (I'm a fourth generation of fishermen) have fondly referred to this area as "King Ace" since as far back as 1948. And by what I've sampled recently, the floundering is nearly as fabulous today as the 50s.

Without further praise (which could bore readers), I'd like to pass on details of this Jamaica Bay hotspot to fishermen who may be "just as tired" as I am at year's end. And if you live within, or in close proximity to, the Borough of Queens, your long drive worries are over. This area can be fished from bridge, beach, or skiff.

Flounder fishing the northern section of Rockaway Inlet is tricky. But for anglers lucky to stumble across this hotspot's flattie population, and learn how to catch them, flounder are plentiful. To the tune of twenty (and more) per flounder specialist.

You may have noticed (if not, please do), I wrote "specialist" instead of a "fisherman" for the above paragraph's last word. Fishermen who are successful learn the habits and haunts of flounder and understand why fish prefer certain baits and tide stages over others. These anglers often catch flounder where fishermen claim none exist. A flounder specialist is one type of master fishermen in my book.

Not to mislead you about flounder fishing in general, but fishing the area east of, and west of Marine Parkway's Bridge (the north side—anglers say "Brooklyn side"—in Rockaway Inlet) is different than in the back bay. Bay flatties usually nip lightly at your bait, but not here. Coming in from deeper water, fall flatties float like a butterfly, but sting your bait like a bee! No tippytoeing around your baited hook for these hungry flounder. Many of these greedy flatties will inhale both baited hooks of your rig.

Flounder who leave Jamaica Bay in summer migrate back through Rockaway's Inlet. The north side of the inlet's bottom offers abundant food and prime habitat. Vast amounts of migrating bay-bound flatties homestead all along this shoreline (off Floyd Bennett Field).

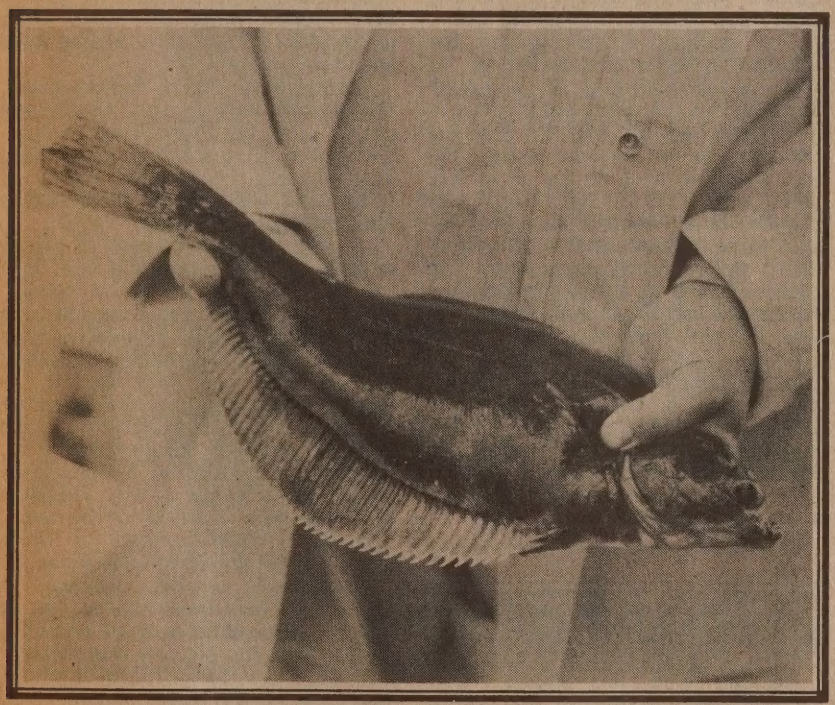
The cardinal rule to fish this area is to have a gallon size chum pot filled to capacity with crushed clam. In fall, mussel chum doesn't seem to produce as well as clam chum (I believe because flounder summering out in the ocean feed more on clam). The crushed clam's juices streaming from your pot brings flounder a-runnin'. And there's no better place to position your baited rig than just behind the chum pot. Every few minutes, bounce your rig off bottom to stir up a puff of mud which can attract nearby flounder. All that's left is to hook your attentive audience. A slow lift of your rod—while feeling for telltale signs of extra weight (remember you have a sinker on?), or a quiver on line's end is your cue to sharply set your hook, with quick upward snap of the wrist.

One item about chum and its use. Milk cardboard containers make good clam chum blocks when filled with crushed clams (chowder or longneck mud clams) and frozen in your freezer. When you're ready to drop pot, peel off milk container, place frozen block in pot and away she goes! After a few minutes the block should be unfrozen, so bounce chum pot three times to get some morsels of clam streaming along in the current.

Late Inning Flounder

As the clam chum washes out, replace with a fresh block and keep chum going till trip's end.

One mistake novice fishermen make is to horse big flounder topside. Don't overpower large flounder. Large flounder use their bulk in the current to tear free of hooks. Nothing is more exasperating than losing husky flounder because of your over-eagerness to lift a fish topside. Let large flounder buck and dance—while keeping an arched bend in the rod. Then, and only then is the time ripe for you to gently lift your prize from the water. Use larger hooks if flounder are running large. Big hooks grip more mouth to help eliminate dropped fish.



Since working this inlet is similar to east end floundering, rigs and equipment are more medium power, rather than light. Water depth jumps between 20 to 30 feet (any deeper in the fall proves unsuccessful). Avoid spin gear! It's just too much work to raise doubleheaders of large flounder in this current. An outfit like Garcia's 6500C filled with 20 pound clear monofilament, mounted to a graphite conventional rod (feel lighter hits and weighs less too!) of up to 6½ feet (rates from 12 to 20 line) long will handle any flounder or terminal gear comfortably.

To rig up, specialists use a sliding sinker clip, so that when a flounder grabs the hook, it won't feel the sinker drag along bottom. Slip your fishfinder sinker clip up the line first. Tandem-tie two size 8 (use size 6 if two pounders are around) Mustad #3665A or #3366 Sproat hooks together with a barrel swivel (40 lb. test) on line's end. The swivel will halt sinker clip from sliding down over your baited hooks. Also the mono leader snelled to your hooks must be lighter than your main line. If you snag bottom, pull on your line by hand and your hooks will snap off, leaving the four ounce sinker and clip still on the line. I'd rather lose penny hooks than half dollar sinkers any day!

The four ounce bank sinker is used to bounce bottom to get mud stirred up to attract flounder. Also, the inlet's current can be stronger here than you are used to.

Flounder in the areas of Dead Horse Point and Floyd Bennett Field show a remarkable interest to colored beads or tubing. Place them above your hook's eyes. Some days yellow beads do best, while red works on others. Then again, on some trips beadless, plain snelled hooks work better with fish seeming to shy away from beaded rigs. A suggestion here is carry a few of each and mix tube with bead, yellow with red, one yellow bead/one red on two hook rig, etc., until you find what the flounder want that day.

From one befuddling problem to another. What bait should be used? Flounder here are selective feeders. The fish have no one particular favorite! Just carry (at the least) three good supplies of different baits. One week the fish will hit bloodworm (use a nice three inch piece for larger fish). Next week, or next tide, dyed yellow razor or chowder clam (sliced into three inch by half-inch pennant pieces; leave an inch dangle off hook to attract fish). Sometimes tapeworm, sandworm, or grass shrimp are preferred. Usually you can't go wrong with bloods, dyed yellow clam and tapeworm.

On tough days, try this. Slide an inch long piece of worm up your hook's shank. Then add a piece of dyed yellow clam over the hook's bend. This works sometimes. If not, try reversing baiting.

Average flounder inside the bay are under one pound. But most of this inlet's fish start at three-quarters, then top out at three pounds. That's not to say you won't nail a few snow-shoe flounders (over 3 pounds) fishing here regularly. Carry a fluke net along—just in case. If you're atop bridge, walk fish to shore to beach it. And if you don't believe four pounds of fighting-mad flounder can buck just like a wild horse—wait till you stick your hook in one.

My family (before I graced them with my presence) knew that Jamaica Bay has only one exit and entrance for flounder to migrate through. And my great Uncle used to say (as flounder left the bay for cooler summer water) "get'm while they're hot!" in spring-time. But come fall, he'd proclaim, "King Ace—trump flounder in a hole." And every friendly angler who knew him understood his code.

East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

Bluefish thinned out a bit allowing lures to get to accommodating bass, many 30 to 50 lbs. Since bass season is open until November 30th, many charter boats are remaining in the water through the month in order to capitalize on the fine bass fishing. Blackfish catches are improving. Looks like the beginning of a flounder season in Shinnecock. On the weekend's offshore cod trip, three 51 lbers. tied for second place pool!

MONTAUK

Because of the fine fall fishing, Captain John DeMaio will keep the charter boat **Vivienne** in the water through the holidays and is booking charters for bass, blackfish and cod. Call for charter information.

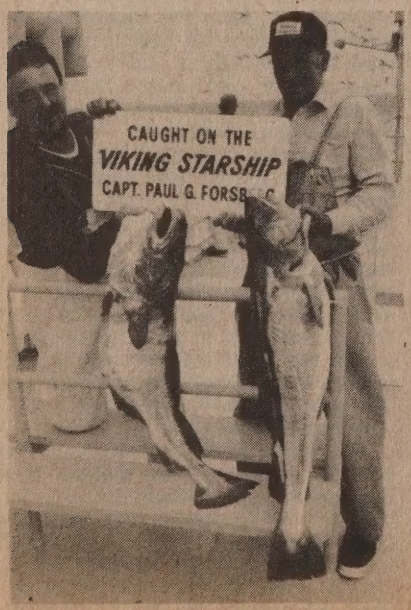
Charter groups on the **Bluefin IV** the past week scored well with large bass, while anglers looking for blues loaded up. Monday's group headed by Mr. Jerman stopped fishing after 60 blues were put into the box. On Tuesday, five bass, the largest 42 lbs., five over 30 lbs. were kept by the Nelsons. Thursday saw bass of 37, 35, 33 pounds plus four in the 20 lb. range. Thursday night, after 30 small bass were caught trolling and casting, the Rothwells drifted live eels to catch bass of 42 and 25 lbs. Bob Fischman, a one-man charter, trolled 60 blues and 40 bass of which two were keepers, on an afternoon trip. The Imperial Sportsmen's Club kept eight out of nine legal size bass, releasing the ninth plus 15 others. The largest bass, 42 and 32 pounds took diamond jigs, the others, from 20 to 30 lbs. were bucktailed. Captain Michael Potts has a few weekday and some Sundays open for charter this month. Call for information.

A call to **Captain's Cove Marina** revealed that blues have thinned a bit off Montauk, allowing lures to get through to the waiting bass. Captain Barry reported three keeper size bass in two trips on the "Venture" on Sunday with bass taking trolled lures, jigs, bucktails, etc.

Tom Sennefelder saw blues, bass, blacks and big flounder on the fillet tables at **Gone Fishing Marina** on the weekend. Particularly good catches of blackfish came from nearby Cerebus Shoals.

Saturday's charter group on the **Alyssa Ann**, arranged by Sy Stuart, loaded up with blues at the Point, also caught plenty of bass. On Sunday, a dozen blackfish top weight 9 lbs., were caught before switching to flounder on some inshore spots. George Gifford and his friends from Brooklyn quit fishing after catching a bushel of fine fall flounder, some of them weighing between 2 and 3 lbs. Captain Ricca has Sunday, November 22nd open for charter. Call for info.

The weekend's cod trip on the **Viking Starship** was reported as the best this season for big fish. Although Saturday's windstorm kept the boat in inshore waters for awhile, very big fish were caught the second day: 100 fish weighing over 30 lbs. Pool was taken with a 56 lb. cod, caught by Ronnie Biando. Second place pool was split three ways since Doc Shephard, Philip Fello and Richard Freel had each caught a 51 lber. Captain Paul Forsberg commented that for the first time this year, the cod favored bait over jigs. Valley of the Giants codfish trips have been scheduled for November 16th, 27th, December 11th and 26th. Reservations and desposits are necessary. Special blackfish trips will leave at 3AM on November 14, 15, 21, 22 and 27. Call for reservations, since spots are going fast!



Here are the pool winners from the 9-28 Valley of the Giants trip aboard the "Viking."

SOUTH FORK

Captain Artie Lach reports decent blackfishing on the **Wilhelric II**, when winds abated to allow proper fishing conditions. Last Monday and Tuesday's trips were especially good, with Eddie Clarke counting 15 blackfish in his cooler, the largest about 8 lbs. Peter Kilanowski caught an even dozen on Election Day, largest almost 9 lbs. Anglers did as well on Sunday's trip. The **Wilhelric II** is fishing for blackfish daily except Tuesday, sailing at 7AM.

Bart and Scott Persson and Sal Fontana with the 100 bluefin tuna Scott decked aboard the Montauk charter boat, Louise.

Bill Hichak and his son Billy jigged two nice bass, the largest 38 lbs., fishing outside Shinnecock Inlet on Sunday. Jay Kowalsky and Jack Petrick returned to **Sherry & Joe Corr's Best Boatworks** on Sunday with a load of blues and one bass on 'Vamoose." Stephen Zaluski and Brian Foster trying to duplicate the catch made last week, a 260 lb. mako, headed the "KO Boys" to their favorite spot 12 miles southeast of the inlet on Wednesday and again Sunday. No sharks were seen, however, tuna were jumping on Wednesday, whales were seen on Sunday.

According to Thom Speckenbach, Shinnecock and Peconic Bays are pretty quiet, but most of his customers are scoring from the beach (see Surf Report), bringing in plenty of stripers for weighing on the scales at **Speck's Bait and Tackle.**

Mickey Altenkirch heard of plenty of bass trolled on umbrella rigs, with a keeper ratio of 25 for 1 keeper. Weekend action centered on the beaches where many impressive bass were caught and weighed at **Altenkirch & Son** (see Surf Report). Al Feathers stopped into the shop on Monday, November 2nd, with two dozen white perch, largest 2 lbs. 2 oz. caught that morning in Bullhead Bay on **Al Feather's Jigs**. A surprise catch of 14 snappers rounded out the catch.

A 40 lb. bass jumped on white tubes trolled by Bobby Gregger on "Sundowner" on the weekend. A total of 40 bass were trolled, 39 of which measured between 32 and 32½ inches, until the big one was located. Jack Peri reported a mess of blues, caught on "Old Pokey." Al Zeuke and two friends hit the jackpot at Buoy 18. The trio connected with 36 flounder, all weighing over 1¾ lbs., several hitting the 2½ lb. mark at the scale at **Molnar's Landing**. The flatties favored sandworms. Marty Listle anchored the "Bumbelini" on the Bridge Wreck on Sunday and located a mother lode of blackfish. He and his friends kept 60 blackfish weighing 4 lbs. or better!

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South Shore REPORT
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Some strong doses of wind have had an impact on the fishing scene this past week but when conditions were fishable, there was a slight improvement in the flatfishing noted by several sources. Dropping water temperatures should see this trend continue over the next few weeks. When boatmen can clear the inlets, there has been some excellent bass and bluefishing along the beach. Both trollers and jiggers have gotten in some fine innings between blows. Blackfish are fading fast from the bay scene but continue to improve on the ocean wrecks and reefs. And, yes, there are still lots of blue claw crabs being taken in both bays.

One offshore note. Fisherman Field Editor, John Raguso, beat his way out to Monster Ledge on Sunday. Under building seas, he and his crew of Barry and Flynn Schelin and Jim Flahrety managed to stick out three hours of chunking butterfish. In that short time span, one 85 pound bluefin was boated and two others were dropped. Fishing was done aboard John's 24' Grady White, 'MarCeeJay'.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Congratulations of the highest order to Gary and Betty Ann Grunseich of **Silly Lily Fishing Station** in **East Moriches** on the arrival of triplets on Saturday. Betty Ann gave birth to a trio of boys, Carl, Douglas and Gary. All are said to be doing just fine. On the fishing front, Gary reported that there has been some decent flounder action with quality fish near Haven's Point. Several boats returned with catches of 15 to 20 flatties in the 1-2 pound class and there have been a few three pounders weighed in. One local angler stunned everyone with a 4.2 pound flattie taken early in the week. On Sunday, Gene and Jim Fusaro worked south of Haven's Point where they found 20 flatties from 1½ to 2½ pounds. Gary added that there are still plenty of crabs near Buoy 27 and expects the blue claws should still be available for another week or so.

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Dennis Scognamillo at **J&J Tackle** in **Patchogue** said that flounder con-

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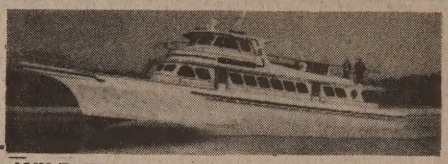

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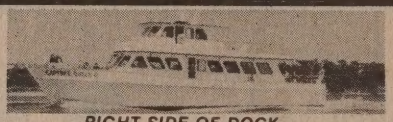

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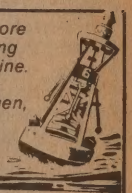

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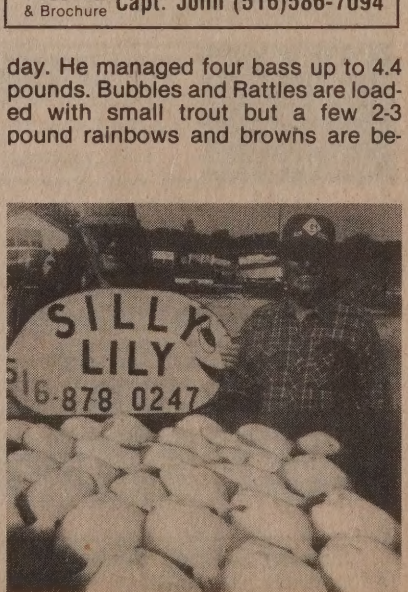
tinue to be a tough pick locally. John Romaine and Mark Rosenthal treked out to Shinnecock Bay on Sunday and returned with a dozen flatties up to 2½ pounds. Crabs still available with plenty being taken on flounder rigs. One customer returned from a flounder trip with a half bushel of blue claws.

From **J&R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**, Grandpa Dave Canale was excited about the birth of twins to his daughter and son-in-law, Chuck and Jackie Tichy. Congratulations to all on the new boy and girl. As for the fishing news, Dave knew of some flounder taken east in the bay opposite Patchogue. He labeled Heckscher and the Sore Thumb Pocket as spotty. Still some blackfish being taken on Kismet Reef but its slowing down fast. Guys still taking loads of crabs on bunker. Dave suspected they were working in the vicinity of the Oak Beach Cove. A few flounder picked from the West Sayville Dock on worms this week. On the freshwater scene, Fred Lowerhaupt worked Swan Pond in Calverton on Wednesday. He managed four bass up to 4.4 pounds. Bubbles and Rattles are loaded with small trout but a few 2-3 pound rainbows and browns are being culled from among the smaller fish on Nightcrawlers.



Joe and Al Lennartz display some fine fall flounder taken on 10-6 in Moriches Bay. The pair fished out of Silly Lily Fishing Station in East Moriches.

Curt Delano of **Islander Canvas Bait and Tackle** in **East Islip** was anxious to discuss their upcoming move to new quarters. The shop will be expanding its size to nearly 4,000 square feet with its move to 4102 Sunrise Hwy., Oakdale. The new location is just east of the Oakdale merge on the south side of the highway. They expect to be settled in for a grand opening by Thanksgiving weekend. The new facility will include an expanded canvas shop and a welding department but will specialize in items such as tuna towers, rocket launchers and cooler racks. Curt knew that boatmen are still pulling blacks from around the R.M. Bridge and the Coast Guard Station. Some flounder being picked in West Channel and off Heckscher. Not many, but a few better size fish between 1 and 1¼ pounds being taken this week.

Over at **Captree Bait and Tackle**, Bobby Sprenger had somewhat encouraging flounder news to report. He said that the **Capt. Rod** reported

200+ flounder on Sunday's trip opposite Heckscher State Park. A couple of the fish were in the two pound class. On Tuesday, George Funk boated a 2.6 pound flattie aboard the Capt. Rod. Some decent flounder catches being made in the eastern bay off of Blue Point. Blackfishing has slowed considerably inside the bay but crabbing remains incredible. Lots of blues and stripers along the beaches for jiggers and trollers.

According to Lorry Mangan who sailed aboard the **Speedy VIII**'s Special Cod Trip on Election Day, the Coimbra and Virginia lacked any big early season cod but some cod to 12 pounds were taken. Also, quite a few tuna were seen working the surface around the wrecks. Lots of bergals along with the cod on the Coimbra with less cod, plenty of dogfish and a couple of pollock on the Virginia.

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Scotty 3** took his first shot at cod on Sunday after being turned back by rough seas and strong winds on Saturday. The trip resulted in a total of 15 cod in the 4-5 pound class as well as a 29 pounder. A few blues and sea bass were mixed in as well and dogfish were not much of a problem according to George. Thursday saw plenty of blues and stripers jigged along the beach prior to all of the wind on Friday and Saturday.

The Babylon Tuna Club chose this weekend to hold their annual club Bass Derby. According to John Gattuso of **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon**, Bill Martin nailed down the first slot with a 36 pound cow taken aboard 'Sea Baby'. The striper was caught along with a bunch of blues south of Gilgo on a Boone tuna lure known as a Cairns Swimmer. This little tidbit courtesy of John Raguso. In 2nd place was Jack Uhland with a striper of 26.13 pounds. Fishing on the same boat, Bruce Morabito nailed down the 3rd spot with a 24.8 pound bass. Ron Bruckner filled out the winning fish with a 15 pounder taken on the west bar aboard the 'Skipper III.' Flounder fishing remains a pick. Jack Breitenbucher did manage one blackfish and 10 flounder in the Sore Thumb Pocket on the weekend. Still plenty of crabs in the pocket as well according to John.

From **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, Mike Andreani knew that lots of big blues along with stripers and an occasional weakfish continue to be trolled and jigged by boatmen working both east and west of the inlet. He noted a slight improvement in the flounder fishing in the State Channel at Gilgo, Bergen Point and Squaw Island. A number of boatmen reported catches of 8 to 10 flatties this week and there are still plenty of crabs around. Blackfish are fading in the bay but action has been improving on the outside wrecks and reefs. Mike did have a few reports of bluefin action at the Bacardi early in the week.

Jim Schaefer at **Charlie's Bait and Tackle** in **Lindenhurst** spoke of a few

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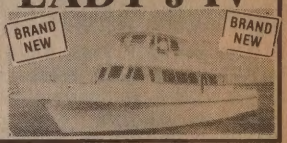

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flounder being taken in the State Channel and in East/West Channel. A few real quality flatties are among them as evidenced by Jim Protus' 3 pounder taken at Gilgo on Sunday. Four year old Adam Tooker managed a 3 pound flattie from the Sore Thumb Pocket on Tuesday and Rocco Cirone coerced a 3¼ pound flattie from the shore at Bergen Point on Monday. Jimmy noted that blackfishing has slowed in the bay but some still being picked at Kismet and the R.M. Bridge. Liveliners continue to score in the inlet. On Tuesday night, Bill and Carl Piazza along with Carl's mascot Wang used live bunker to take a 13 pound weakfish and bass of 23 and 34 pounds. Same night, Dr. Frank Castanoro and Ron Link used bunker to take bass of 21 and 18 pounds.

Bob Vitale, speaking from **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor** spoke of some flounder being taken in the East/West Channel and noted that there are still plenty of crabs being taken by flounder fishermen or by those using traps or bunker. Bass and blues being trolled south of the R.M. Tower and Fire Island Lighthouse.

Frank Pristera of **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale** called the flounder fishing in the State Channel a pick with chumming a must. Most boatmen have opted to troll or diamond jig along the beaches when conditions allow them to get outside. Plenty of school bass with an occasional keeper and lots of big blues moving along the beaches this past week.

West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

With colder weather slow in coming and the waters retaining the summer's warmth, the flounder action inside continues picky to slow, with just occasional good catches. Blackfishing continues fair to very good at the bridges, jetties and wrecks. Bluefishing offshore continues to be as good as you could possibly want it, with jigs accounting for solid catches. As cod are starting to be picked up on the offshore wrecks, some of the larger head boats will be going for them, starting this week. Tuna continue to be caught by boats running out to the canyon. The season seems to be holding its breath waiting for winter to move in, but it's doing it very slowly.

WEST END BAYS/ JONES INLET

Flounder fishing said Lee at **Causeway Bait and Tackle in Wantagh**, boats averaging 3 to 5 fish, with best results in the waters south of Woodcleft Canal on bloods and plenty of chum. Blackfishing has been very good at Big M and W2 on fiddlers and green crab. Wednesday saw Mark and Dan slug it out with 67 blackfish to 3½ lbs. at W2 on sands and green crab, while 2 to 14 lb. blues are being taken in 20 to 40 feet of water on jigs with tails (red and white best) on the ebb. Excellent catches are also being made on trolled umbrellas.

William, 12; Joey, 13; John, 19; and Michael, 17, with some of the many blues they caught south of Fire Island Inlet in August aboard the Lindenhurst charter boat, "Fishfinder."

Scott at **Merrick Tackle in Bellmore** advised that the flounder action locally was on the very slow side, but with plenty of crabs around. Blues in Jones Inlet on drifted bunker chunks or whole butterfish. Loads of blues and short bass at the West End jetty, mostly on plugs.

Randy at **Garan's Tackle in Merrick** told of the bright spot in the week's flounder picture being at Massapequa Cove and off Short Beach CG station. Very good blackfishing on the inshore and offshore wrecks he said, while blues and bass are being trolled between the J1 and J2 buoys. Lots of big bass being trolled off the beaches on umbrellas and single tubes.

Over in Freeport, we hear from Captain Richie Kessinger of the **Star Stream II** that starting this Thursday he will be sailing for cod everyday at 6AM, calling it a season on blues. Saturday night's bluefish trip was good and action was lively again Sunday with 11 fares taking a load of bluefish and 25 stripers, only one of which was a keeper. The boat made two crew trips for tuna this past week, with one trip resulting in 4 bigeyes and 27 longfin albacore, and the other trip seeing 18 bluefin tuna boated.

Be advised that the **Star Stream II** this Saturday and Sunday only will be running a 4AM cod and pollock special wreck trip. These dates are November 14th and 15th. Subsequent to that, the boat will begin its 6AM everyday codfishing schedule.

The **Freeport** based **Capt. Lou Fleet** reported some excellent sea bass fishing on Wednesday over an offshore wreck. High hook finished the day with 40 bass to 3 pounds. Some blackfish, porgies and one fluke were also taken. Flounder fishing was good early in the week but slowed due to moon tides and lots of wind. Wednesday's PM trip did see over 200 faltties taken.

A call from Captain Mike Barnett of the charter boat **Cod Father** happily passed on the news that his boat won the Lou's Fishing Station first annual Bluefish Contest. His charter had 3 blues totaling 45 lbs. 3 oz., taking first place. A trip for the Drew Levy party had an excellent catch of blackfish along with roughly 25 sea bass at the Shrewsbury Rocks. Mike says he will be codfishing very soon and charters are still available.

Captain Pete Mikoleski of the charter boat **Regina M II** on Saturday's charter fished Clem Canonico, taking 55 keeper flounder around Cement Block in Reynolds. Sunday's trip for Ken, Skip and Ed of Citi-Corp Bank resulted in a catch of 27 blues, 11 to 14 lbs. at Cholera on bait.

We learn from **Sea Isle Sports** that the blacks and flounder inside seem to be a hunt and pick situation this week, but with better results on blackfish at the bridges. Lots of blues in the surf at West End, Field 6 and Tobay.

Over in Point Lookout, Captain Al Lindroth of the **Captain Al** told of very good early week catches on big blackfish and some sea bass, but then the weather moved in and put a damper on things to some extent. However, Sunday was good again on porgies, blacks and blues and a few dogfish. Al says that he expects to be codfishing by the weekend with a 5AM sailing time. See ad for details.

We hear from the charter boat **Marie III** that Saturday's charter had a slow pick on flounder throughout Reynolds on worm and clam with flatties to 1½ lbs. with a few porgies and blacks mixed in.

Aboard the **Night Hawk**, Thursday's and Sunday's trips had blackfish to 5 lbs. and good sea bassing to 3 lbs. Also on Thursday, many porgies up to a pound were taken. Catches ran 10 to 20 mixed fish a man and everything has been local, with a half hour of the inlet, fishing wrecks, rocks and reefs.

Word from **Scotty's Fishing Station** is that best bet this week has been blackfish at the bridges and jetties on fiddlers and green crab. Bluefishing still strong outside, but local floundering has been a slow pick.

Charlie at **Beckmann's Tackle in Lynbrook** again tells of the very good blackfishing at the local bridges, with the best flounder action again being in the Cement Block area of Reynolds.

NEW YORK BIGHT

Over in Sheepshead Bay, skipper Tom Palladino of the **Elsie K III** tells of good blackfish catches on all trips sailed this past week. The boat will

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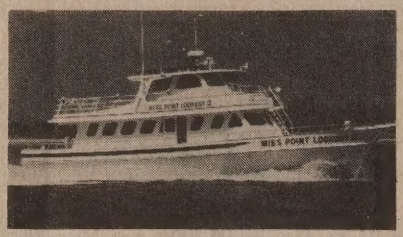

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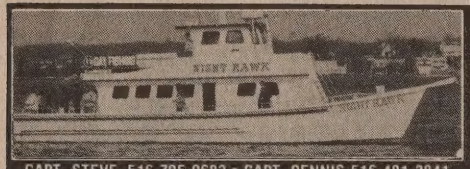

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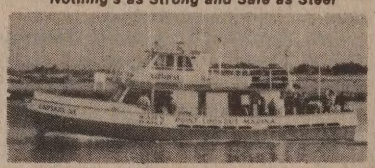

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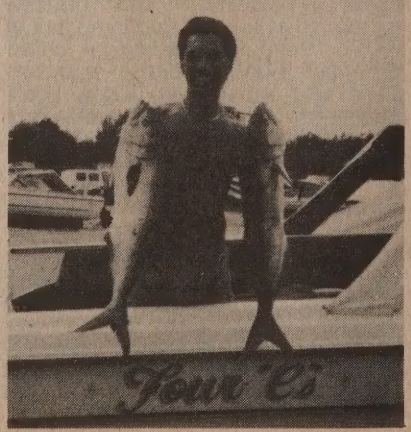
Aboard the **Betty W IV** this week, the bluefishing trips were very good to excellent on jigs with big fish to 20 lbs. The week's tuna trips were great. Forty bluefin tuna to 125 lbs. were caught at the Bacardi this week.

Captain Butch of the **Zephyr** said the blackfishing was good during the week through Thursday in 40 to 80 foot depths, but Friday and Saturday trips were blown out. He classified Sunday's action as a good pick, considering conditions which were bouncy, with a swell still in evidence due to the big winds of the two previous days. There were some 6 to 8 lb. blacks mixed into the catch. Butch also said that with water temperatures varying with the wind shifts, catches Sunday were not as they should have been. Once the temperatures even out and drop a bit, blackfishing should be super once again. A few big ling have been mixed in at the deeper water drops and he seens tons of hand sized porgies off Seabright.

Just a matter of feeding temperatures said Butch. And it should be ideal soon.

The Wee Willie report out of **Mike's Tackle Shop**, is of continued very good bluefishing on diamond jigs off Seabright and Highlands. Blackfishing has been hot and cold at Seabright and 17 on mixed fish on greens and fiddlers.



Robert Nicolich holds two 12 lb. blues that he took on popping plugs in Oyster Bay back on August 20th. Subscriber photo.

North Shore REPORT
with Marty Garrell

A bad three day blow and full moon tides put a damper on results just after Election Day, but fishing bounced right back in most areas on Sunday. Striped bass and tautog led the hit parade last week, with bass in most places running under 30 inches and lots of tautog in the 4 to 6 lb. range.

WESTERN SOUND

Full stocks of bait and good sales reported at **John's Gun** in New Rochelle while **Jack's Bait** on City Island noted a pick up in flounder fishing in Eastchester Bay for fish to 3/4 lbs. Tautog were in deeper spots to 45 feet off Huckleberry and Pea Islands with excellent numbers. Tau-

tog and school bass were highlighted at **Glen Cove Sport Shop**, too.

All the open boats in this sector are now concentrating on tautog, including the **Klondike VIII**. Pete Pearson has been fishing Norwalk, Stamford and Rye in 25 to 70 feet of water and there were plenty of fish in the 5 to 10 lb. range over the weekend. Both the **Apache** and the **North Star** have been working drops near Norwalk. Dom Cerbone said that more than 15 fish per fare was a possibility for the specialists; however, most were happy with fewer but larger tautog to 6 lbs. Cerbone is impressed by the blackfish still coming from relatively shallow water around 35 feet, even though most of his drops are now in 60 to 70 feet. Porgies have been absent from catches in recent days.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

George Valentine at **Four Winds** in Huntington Station weighed a 7½ lb. tautog for Tom Monahan early in the week and saw a good pick of blackfish averaging nearly 5 lbs. in 35 to 45 feet of water around buoys 11B, 28C and 32A. Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** in Northport figured that Eaton's Neck should have bluefish until Thanksgiving thanks to the Lilco plume. Bass have been obliging along with blues on local beaches. Ilene Fleischmann at **Greenlawn Sport** suggested evening action at Callahan's for starters. Flounder activity was only starting off the Centerport bridge and beach and around the Mill Dam Bridge. Those who wanted tautog from beaches were still fishing Makamah.

John Caraftis at the **Caraftis Fishing Station** in Port Jefferson saw a lot of bass in the 24 to 30 inch range released near the east drop around buoy 11. For the private boats and the livery crowd there was solid action for tautog around Oldfield, Crane's Neck, Shoreham and off of the Middle Grounds. There were still some big scup on the Middle Grounds, but that was now a hit or miss situation.

Rich Konig was still proud of the 11 lb. 13 oz. tautog he took off Woodhull Landing and weighed at the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop.** Stan Hentschel told us that the back of Mount Sinai Harbor had flounder already and that the surf specialists were trekking to the South Fork for big blues on bait or out east for school bass on plugs. Ralph Davenport at **Ralph's Fishing Station** in Mount Sinai still had skiffs available and was happy about the bluefish action around buoy 11. The Middle Grounds were noted as the most reliable spot for tautog and scup, but Ralph himself took a beating on Thursday while returning to port ahead of the frontal system.

Al Sturges at the **Complete Angler** has been working the bass and blues around the dropoff near buoy 11 with diamond jigs. He advises plain Ava 17s and 27s—no tube, no teaser, and a slow retrieve on the bottom for the stripers. Warren Gehr at **Warren's** in Selden told us that Bruce Marron and Jim Algerio had 35 nice tautog before the blow on Thursday off buoy 11B.

The early week fishing on the **Port Jeff Ace** was excellent. Rich Hopp lead a crew from the #127 Hook and Ladder Company when they scored on scup to 2 lbs., large tautog and blues to 7 lbs. Roy Cash has been hustling cocktail blues on the way home for the weekend crowds, too. Cash told us that Saturday was brutal and that Sunday was pretty slow. The best fish on Saturday was a 12 lb. bluefish; before the big front, the angling had been quite good with some tautog to 10 lbs. and scup mixed with the bottom catches.

Angling for the small charters near Eatons has been "outrageous," to quote John Pellegrino on the **Noli Eilene**. Bass to 30 inches are virtually uncountable and there are blues to 8 lbs. mixed in. Tautog fishing is available for those who wish to do so. On the Noli Eilene, recent parties included Marge and John Uher and Pete Jannuzzi on Election Day and John Wood, Pete Bisson and Jack Murrin on Sunday.

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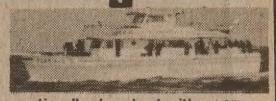
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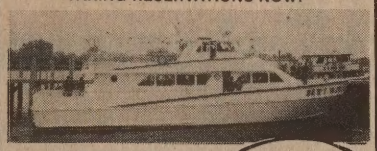
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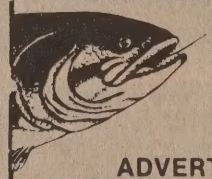

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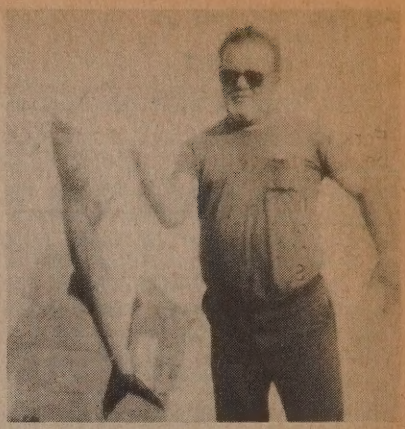

Victor Pesti and the huge 22.10 lb. slammer blue he took on a Gibbs plug on 10-3 from the Huntington Town Dock. The big chopper was weighed at Four Winds Bait and Tackle in Huntington.

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from Montauk to take advantage of the hot action around Huntington. On Tuesday, Don, Donna and John Czernczewski had 22 tautog along with 12 school bass and 10 blues. On Saturday in the big blow, Lou DeRicco's party "toughed it out" off Marshall Field and were rewarded with 5 keeper bass on worms and 2 ounce diamond jigs. Some 16 linesiders were released, and the catch also included a couple of dozen tautog to 6 lbs.

A late call from John Alberda of **Sound Charters TJ** assured us that there were a few keepers taken Sunday from the mass of bass around Eaton's. The Olsons, Steve and Warren, and their friends had a pair of 18 lbers. included in a catch of about 50 linesiders. In addition, Alberda and company jigged and bucktailed 30 choppers to 14 lbs. Alberda suggests 200 feet of wire and the old standby, a white bucktail-red pork rind combination.

NORTH FORK

Bill Czech at **Jamesport Bait** saw a 47 lb. bass taken on a bucktail near Mattituck Inlet just before the big frontal system roared through. A lot of bluefish over 15 lbs. have been weighed as well, usually taken on butterfish. Bass fishing is restricted to schoolies to the east, with Rebels and Redfins advised after dark, according to Stan Hentschel at **Rocky Point Fishing Stop**. There also seems to be a run of flounder in Mattituck Creek for the first time in many years.

The Petersens will be closing down the **Mattituck Inlet Fishing Station** this week. They were still seeing scup around the motel on certain days with tautog on the pipeline. Steady bluefish action near Hortons was on 4 to 10 lb. fish with diamond jigs.

Ruth White at **A.P. White Bait Shop** told us that there were still plenty of customers fishing flounder and that the tautog fishing was generally excellent. Ace Cottral at **Pleasures of the Sea** explained that there were still scup last week on the north side of Plum Island and off Pettys Bight. Ed Czetlatka took some large tautog north of Plum on the **Sea Boots.**

Richie Jensen is finished with the bass trips on the **Nancy Ann** now, but he concluded the season with some fine excursions. On November 1st, the boat decked 5 fish from 30 to 42 lbs., mostly on live eels. A Tuesday trip yielded a 28 lber. plus some 40 shorts. The 10 person charters, booked through the entire month, are pulling 50 to 75 tautog per day, with the season's best, a 13 lber., taken in 60 feet of water. Although there are some large blues in the Gut, that area was teeming with 2 to 3 lbers. just before the front.

Dave Darrow on the **Tiderunner** called the night trips "mind boggling" when he spoke to us last week. Catches over 40 fish per night were the rule and Darrow and Chris Cyprus pulled 4 keepers to 32 lbs. during the best night of the moon. Darrow likes bucktailing and insists that how you set up the drifts is critical. The

Dempseys and Tony Mitterotunda had a 60 fish trip that yielded one keeper bass of 43 lbs., too.

Bob Ceglowski is looking forward to running a new boat out of the North Fork next spring. Larry Ciccotto has been seeing a lot of broken lines on big blackfish in recent days on the **Prime Time III** out of Orient. The concentration is on tautog, not flounder now and the sailings are Friday, Saturday, and Sunday only.

The big boats out of the Greenport fleet, the **Brand X** and the **Peconic Star**, fought unusually strong tides and stiff southwesterlies Sunday in posting catches that Larry Porter called "okay." The water temperature has been seesawing, according to Porter, with a dip to 52 degrees, then a rise to 54 at the end of the weekend. Fishing was on sundry drops in 40 to 140 feet of water with abundant scup and sea bass on some of the stops. The generally good fishing should be with the tautog fleet right through the month, from all indications.

Surf REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Big stripers, accompanied by schoolies and big blues continued their march along south shore beaches this past week to the delight of hordes of eager casters. Lots of big stripers and plenty of big bluefish readily gobbled baits and tin along the length of the south shore. It was one of the better weeks for surfmen this season.

From Johnny Kronuch at **Johnny's Tackle Shop** in **Montauk** came reports of a slowdown in action at the Point. The bluefish, which has been so abundant, have thinned considerably though there was a good shot at big blues one night during the week at Shagwong. The south side bass action was not as consistent as it had been but there were still some good shots at school bass at Kings, Ditch Plains and along the sand beaches to the west when the wind wasn't too bad. Friday night did see the wetsuiters get a nice shot at stripers at North Bar. The biggest fish reported was a 34 pounder with some fish in the 20s and teens also falling to plugs. Jason Colby weighed a 36 pound striper that was taken Friday night from somewhere in Montauk.

South Fork beaches appeared laden with cow stripers judging by this week's weigh-ins. On Monday, Roger Snyder worked Hot Dog Beach in East Quogue with a Hopkins. His third cast resulted in a 48 pound 5 ounce striper which took him the better part of 20 minutes to beach.

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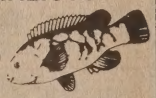

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Thom Speckenbach at **Speck's Bait and Tackle** in **Southampton** said that the beach east of Shinnecock Inlet produced some wild action on the weekend. Lots and lots of blues along with some hefty stripers and shorts on tins and tubes. Among the big stripers were a 34½ pounder taken by Oscar Dizone on Saturday morning. Arthur Webb had a 42 pound cow along with 20 bluefish the same day. On Sunday morning, Danny Coronese nailed a 40 pound striper while Matt Polombo reported in with a 14 pounder that measured 33 inches.

Many big stripers were also dragged to the scale at **Altenkirch Bait and Tackle** in **Hampton Bays**. Ronald Dennis clicked with a 40¾ pound linesider on Saturday while Anthony Cortiselli found a 19½ pounder. Sunday saw a steady trail of scales and sand in the shop. John Stangel found a 25.10 pounder. Tom Gioscia came close to the magical 50 pound mark with a 48½ pound cow. Terry Gaye had a 32.13 pounder; Tom Stuart, a 33.12; Pat Greggor, a 38.7; and John Ingerham a 40.4 pound cow. Mickey Altenkirch said that tins with green tubes were prefered by the bigger stripers. Tin and teaser combos produced plenty of school bass and blues with most of the action taking place along Southampton Town Beaches east of Shinnecock Inlet.

Surf fishermen beat a steady path to the scale at **J&J Tackle** in **Patchogue** this week. The parade of big stripers began on Tuesday with a good number of big fish weighed in through the weekend. According to Paul Graniello, the F.I.N.S. was hot on Election Day. Bob Antici and Dennis Scognamillo of the shop used tins and teasers to take 14 bass to 15 pounds and 10 blues to 13 pounds. Tuesday morning, Billy Kobel nailed a 25 pound striper in the Moriches surf. Same day, Joe Napoli worked the Hampton Bays surf for stripers of 28 and 30 pounds. Jason Colby slipped in with a 34¾ pounder taken on an eel and imported from Jones Beach. One of the bigger stripers of the week was a 44½ pound cow taken at daybreak on Wednesday by Bob Fleming. The big cow fell to an eel at Robert Moses State Park. The weekend produced more than its share of prized stripers. On Saturday, Hal Laterwein used a J8 tin to squeeze a 48 inch cow from a very rough surf at Kismet on Fire Island. Also on Saturday, Bob Ostrander worked the Fire Island surf near Barrett Beach for a 42½ pound cow. A strong sweep forced the angler to walk the fish 1½ miles down the beach before he was able to beach it. John Hussnatter worked the Smith Point suds with a tin and teaser on Saturday. He was rewarded with a 38 pound bass. John Rossi had a 20 pound fish at FINS the same day. Plenty of bluefish were also around on the weekend. John O'Korny worked Smith Point near the pavillion on Saturday morning and used a tin and teaser to take over a dozen blues to 13½ pounds. LISA club member Mark

Mulinoski managed a 15 pound blue in the Shinnecock surf on Sunday. Al Spinelli and Mike Krauss used tins on Sunday to take a bunch of school bass and blues from 10 to 15 pounds at Long Cove along FINS. There were more big stripers taken on Sunday. Hank Schonefeld worked Shinnecock-east to the tune of 8 stripers. Two were keepers including a fish of 30¾ pounds. All were taken on tin and tube combos. Kent Soper used a diamond jig to nail a 30 pound striper at Davis Park. Hank Clark connected with a 34 inch striper at FINS and Peter Felice returned from Montauk Sunday morning with a 37½ pound cow that nailed a teaser along the sand beach.

Dave Canale at **J&R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** reported that Ed Markstaller used tins to connect with 3 bass between 30 and 33 inches at Robert Moses Saturday AM. Gary Oxholm worked the same R.M. surf on Saturday morning and used a Hopkins to click with a trio of blues from 11 to 12 pounds. Phil Delzatto drilled a 31.6 pound striper from the Cedar Bar suds on Friday night. Dave also had a report of a 24 pound bluefish taken by Al Blair on Saturday near the Fire Island community of Dunewood. The fish reportedly took an A-47 jig with a green tube. Dave also relayed word that many blues from 10 to 15 pound along with a good number of school bass were taken at Democrat Point on tins and tubes on Sunday morning. He reminded that they again have live eels in stock.

Over at **Captree Bait and Tackle**, Bobby Sprenger told of a 36.5 pound striper weighed in by Skip Anderson on Sunday morning. It was taken at Democrat Point on an A-47 jig and green tube combo along with some big bluefish. Also on Sunday, Glen Marrus checked in with a 14.4 pound blue taken from Field 4, Robert Moses. Bobby reported good action with blues and school bass along the Robert Moses shore with Sunday being particularly hot.

Fire Island Inlet also had its share of trophy stripers. Phil Holowinski nailed a 36 pound cow on Saturday evening. Gil Jaffe worked the Cedar Bar on Wednesday night to the tune of a 40 pound cow.

Richie Koester continued to ride herd on the Fire Island striper population. Included in his tally this week was that long sought 50 pounder. According to Mike Andreani at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, the 50.8 pounder, which was taken on Wednesday night, was accompanied by fish of 38 and 28 pounds. On Saturday night, Richie settled for a 32 pounder. Also on Saturday night, Scott Leonard took a 25 pound fish. Backtracking to last Monday, Tom Garvin made his first bass ever, a fish to remember. The striper, which took a mackerel chunk on the Cedar Bar, weighed a hefty 44 pounds. Mike knew of good bluefish and bass action in the Democrat and Robert Moses surf on Sunday morning. Vito

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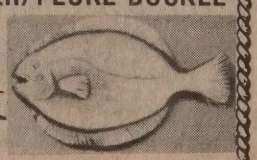
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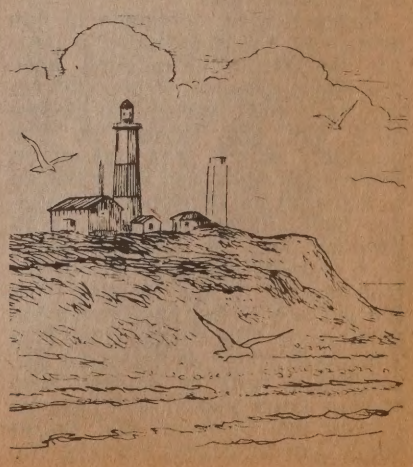
Rizzi broke in a new custom rod at R.M. Field 2 Sunday morning with blues of 10¾ and 11¼ pounds. Ken Towers beached his first blue in the surf this week. The 10 pounder grabbed a tin at Robert Moses on Tuesday.

A reminder from John Gattuso at **Augie's** that they now have Super Strike darters in stock. John also knew that the weekend produced many big blues along with quite a few school bass along local beaches. Tin and tube combos and bunker were the baits of choice.

At **Charlies Bait and Tackle Shop** in **Lindenhurst**, Jimmy Schaefer looked over a trio of big blues taken by Rich and Doug Orkwis at Robert Moses Field 4 Sunday afternoon. They were in the 10 to 11 pound class. Jimmy also mentioned the fine bass and blue action that occured Sunday morning at Democrat Point.

Charlie Beckmann at **Beckmann's Bait and Tackle** in **Lynbrook** was privy to the action with big blues on the Cedar Bar Sunday afternoon. He also spoke of some very good bass action during the week at Jones Beach parking field 6. Shorts made up most scores but a couple of 30 to 40 pound cows were beached over the course of the week. West End II provided some good shots at blues this week along with some short bass.

Joe Augeri, who handles the PR for the Gateway Striper Club called to report several impressive catches by club members. Back on Monday night, Bill Baribault used a bunker chunk to take a 42 pound cow at Cedar Beach. Bill Silletti used Atom 40s to drill a 43 pound striper on Friday night and a 41 pound cow on Sunday morning. Joe managed to find some time Tuesday night to work the back side of Breezy Point. He found weakfish chasing bunker and managed yellowfins of 9 and 11 pounds. Saturday afternoon, club members reported a blitz of bluefish on the front of Breezy Point. Fish ranged fromm 6 to 14 pounds and were taken on poppers or tin. Fellow members Gene, Chuck and Dave cashed in on the action at Democrat Point Sunday morning. They had a load of blues to 14 pounds.



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SAT.	1:50	1:50	2:40	2:55	2:35	2:40	3:55	4:00	5:50	5:50	5:15	5:35	1:55	2:15	11/14
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MON.	3:40	3:50	4:25	4:40	4:20	4:30	5:30	5:40	7:20	7:45	6:55	7:15	3:40	3:55	11/16
TUES.	4:30	4:40	5:10	5:25	5:10	5:20	6:05	6:25	7:50	8:20	7:40	8:05	4:25	4:40	11/17
WED.	5:15	5:30	5:55	6:10	5:50	6:05	6:40	7:05	8:25	8:55	8:25	8:50	5:05	5:25	11/18
THURS.	6:00	6:15	6:35	6:55	6:30	6:50	7:20	7:50	9:00	9:35	9:05	9:35	5:50	6:10	11/19

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	−0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	−0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	−0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	−0 12
Seaside Park	−0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	−0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	−0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	−0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	[illegible]
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	[illegible]
Long Beach Bridge	[illegible]
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 11/12	6:46	4:42
FRI. 11/13	6:48	4:41
SAT. 11/14	6:49	4:40
SUN. 11/15	6:50	4:39
MON. 11/16	6:51	4:38
TUE. 11/17	6:52	4:37
WED. 11/18	6:53	4:36

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 11/12	10:30PM	12:45PM
FRI. 11/13	11:35PM	1:10PM
SAT. 11/14	—	1:30PM
SUN. 11/15	12:35AM	1:50PM
MON. 11/16	1:35AM	2:10PM
TUE. 11/17	2:40AM	3:20PM
WED. 11/18	3:45AM	2:55PM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
11/21	11/28	11/5	11/13

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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	10:15	**4:05**	10:40	**4:25**
Fri.	11:00	**4:50**	11:30	**5:15**
Sat.	11:40	**5:30**	—	**5:50**
Sun.	12:05	**6:10**	12:20	**6:30**
Mon.	12:30	**6:45**	12:55	**7:05**
Tues.	1:20	**7:25**	1:35	**7:45**
Wed.	2:00	**8:00**	2:10	**8:25**
Thurs.	2:40	**8:45**	2:55	**9:10**

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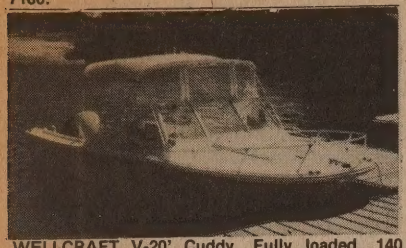

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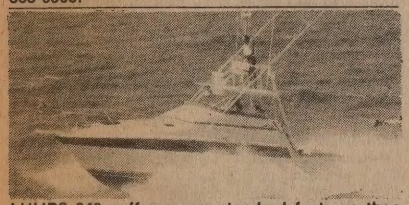

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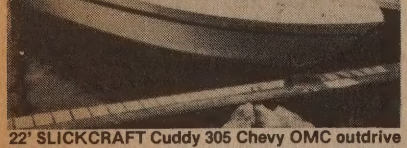

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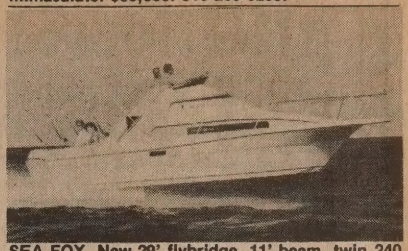

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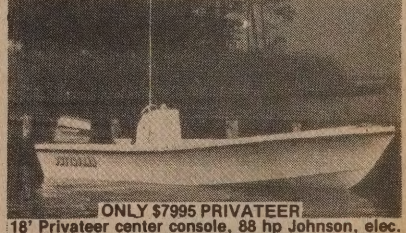

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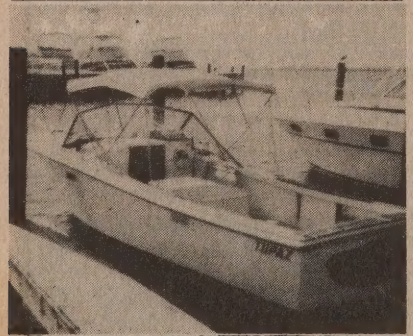

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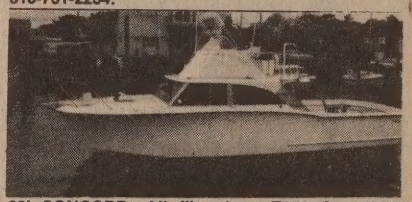

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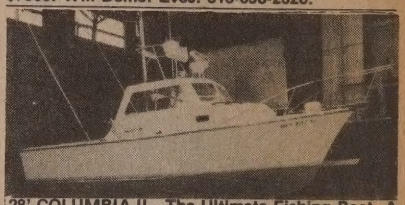

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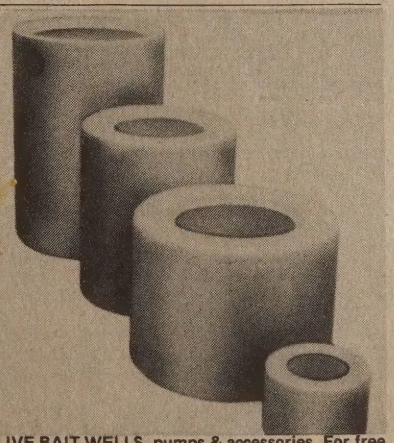

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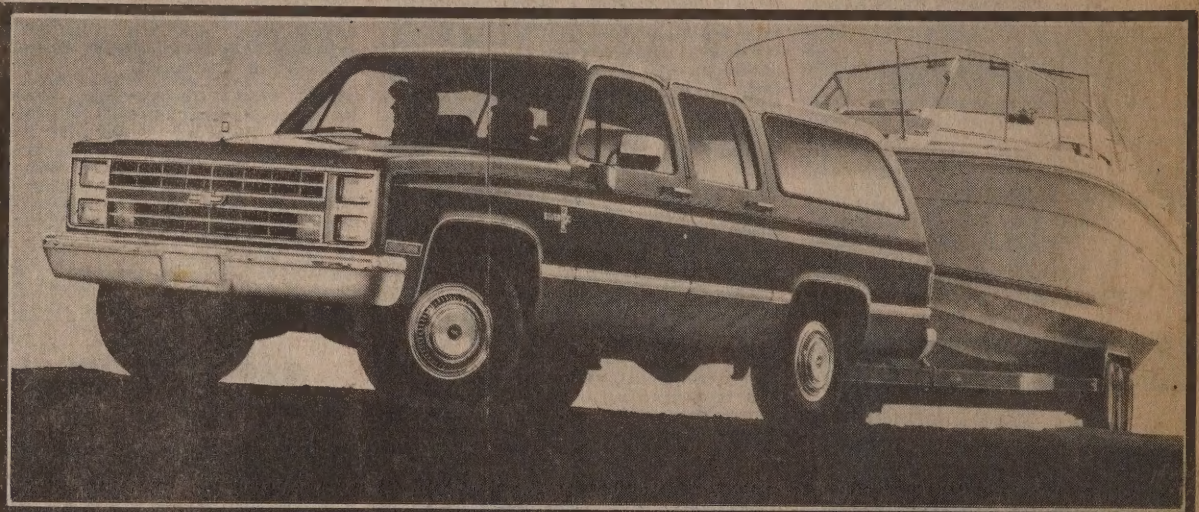

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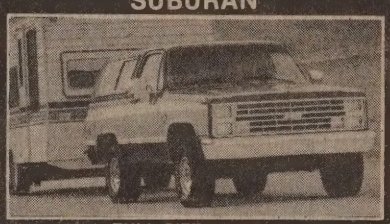

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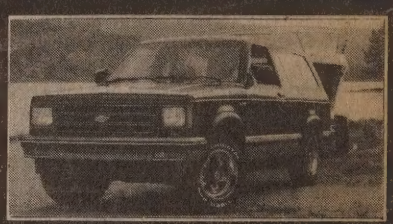

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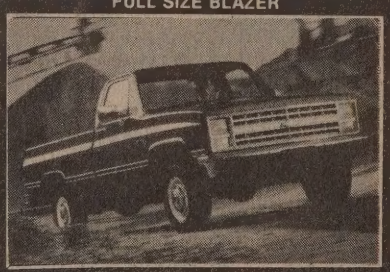

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